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CHAPTER XX.

PIERRE TURRIAN'S MURDER.

Sir Jaffray was for the moment so shocked by Mr. Gifford's terrible news that he could not trust himself to speak.

"Wait, please!" he exclaimed impatiently, with a wave of the hand, when the detective was about to continue.

The recollection of his adventure on the previous evening, when he had seen Lola close to the scene of the murder, flooded upon him, together with the fear he had mentioned to Beryl that Lola was mad, and, though he fought hard not to draw the inference which the facts suggested, he could not resist the conclusion which was forcing itself upon him—that Lola was mad and perhaps in some frenzy had been driven to do this desperate thing.

"Tell me, please," he said after a long pause, "when was the body of this man found?"

"I found it myself, Sir Jaffray, less than an hour ago."

"How long do you think the man had been dead—today?"

"I can't say exactly. That's a matter for the doctors. But I should think 18 to 24 hours about or something of that sort. My view is that the time of the murder might very well be about 10 or 11 o'clock last night, might be before or might be after, but I expect that's what the doctor will say."

"It is terrible!" exclaimed the baronet and relapsed again into silence.

Mr. Gifford began to get fidgety, and he glanced now and again at Sir Jaffray and tapped with his fingers on the table and on the cover of the notebook he held in his hand.

"There's a great deal to do, Sir Jaffray," he said at length, "and time is short if I'm to be hot on the trail. And I've more to tell you, if you please, which I think you ought to hear."

"Go on," replied the baronet promptly.

"There are three points I marked, and with regard to two of them I've done a very unprofessional thing—very unprofessional—but I—well, I was acting for you, and—well, I did it."

"Well?"

"I was the first to find the body, Sir Jaffray, and I thought I ought to make the most of the time. There doesn't seem to have been much of a struggle at the place, and I gather that whoever did this was standing talking to this man quietly, when, without a word probably, she ups with the dagger."

"She?" interposed Sir Jaffray.

"And just drives it home between his ribs," continued Mr. Gifford without heeding the interruption. "She must have been a rather tall woman, of great strength, because the dagger was driven right home to the hilt—the hilt touches the man's clothes—and I judge she was tall because the direction of the blow was a trifle down, whereas if she'd been short the utmost she could have done would have been to drive it straight. You'll see my point, sir, if you'll just take this paper knife and watch the difference in its direction if you try to strike first at your level and then at some mark above you."

As he spoke he acted in illustration of his words. "I see what you mean," said Sir Jaffray without attempting to make the experiment. "But why do you think it was a woman?"

"For this reason: In the dead man's clutch I found this piece of black lace, torn. I have not the slightest doubt, from the dress of the woman who struck him the deathblow, and the unprofessional thing I have done is to take that out of the dead man's hand and bring it away with me. Another reason is this: Here is a little, curiously shaped filigree gold keepsake that was never made for any purpose on this earth save to please the eyes of a woman. It looks like an Indian thing or Japanese, and it's one of those balls that those easterners are so clever in making. There's a bit of a wrench here where the thing seems to have been pulled off with a jerk. That I found lying close to the body, and that also I took leave to bring away with me. Those are my reasons, Sir Jaffray, for saying this is the work of a woman, and I venture to think that any 12 men in the country would find them convincing."

Sir Jaffray took up the little trinket and held it close, as if to scrutinize it.

But there was no need for any close examination.

Both he and Beryl knew it well enough.

It was the pendant of a gold filigree bracelet, one of a pair which had been bought in Mexico when he and Lola were on their honeymoon. The companion to it had been given, with several other things, to Beryl.

Before either of them said a word Mr. Gifford continued in just the same businesslike way and tone:

"There is one other thing I should like to have done, more unprofessional still, but I dared not go so far. I wanted to bring away the dagger. This murder's been done with a dagger that has enough character in it to hang a regiment of soldiers. I don't suppose that there's another like it in all the blessed country. But I couldn't touch it, you see, because the doctor would see in a trice that some one had been tampering with the body after death, for the reason that any boy student could tell when a dagger had been taken out of the wound hours after death. Then there'd have been no end of awkward questions for me to answer as to what I'd been up to. So I had to leave it."

"What was it like?" asked Sir Jaffray, who now had come to expect that every answer the man gave would only incriminate Lola more and more. He was right in this case.

"It's a smallish affair, but very deadly, I should say. The haft is a singular reddish kind of porpoise or alligator hide, with three rings of horn running round it to give the holder a firm grip, and those rings are of different colors, while the steel which shows up the back of it is studded with tiny bronze knobs, and the extreme end of it is of bronze and made for all the world like one of those slouch hats which the cowboys in the wild west are generally pictured as wearing, only, of course, very, very small. I never saw such a thing before, and I should know it again out of 50,000."

Neither Sir Jaffray nor Beryl dared to look at one another during this description, and at the close neither said a word.

Both knew the dagger only too well. Like the bracelet, it had been bought when on the wedding tour in America, and the fellow to it had been given by Sir Jaffray to Beryl's father, and it was at the present moment in the collection of arms at Leycester Court.

Mr. Gifford himself seemed to feel that there was some strong reason for the silence, and he made haste to break it.

"I must go. There's a lot to do. I thought I'd better bring these two things here," he said, pointing to the bit of lace and the little gold trinket, "and I'd have had the other if it hadn't been that it would have been seen at once. I'll keep this bit of lace. I shall want that, and you'd better say nothing about it. I suppose you want me to go on with the matter, Sir Jaffray?" And he looked up as if waiting for instructions.

"Yes, you must go through with it. Sift it to the bottom."

"There's not much to sift now. The man who puts his hand on the owner of that dagger and that little bauble there and this scrap of lace won't have any difficulty in finding the murderess of the Frenchman."

His two hearers shuddered at the words.

"I'm not at all sure that you're right," said Sir Jaffray, "but you must find out at any cost. Of course," he added, with some hesitation, "you understand that you are acting privately for me, and you have no need to tell anything of what you find out to any one else. Your fees will be paid by me."

The man's eyes gleamed in an instant with a sort of restrained avarice.

"I have done my best, Sir Jaffray. I know the extreme pain and trouble which may often be saved by a little silence. If you will excuse me now, I will go. You know all so far. I had better be out and doing, because the police make such mistakes at times."

He took his hat and went away, and Sir Jaffray and Beryl remained aghast at the story to which they had listened and all that it threatened.

Sir Jaffray was standing by the window leaning against the side shutter and pressing his head heavily against his hand, while Beryl sat quite still in her chair by the table, pressing her hands together feverishly in her lap and feeling so chilled that she trembled violently.

"She must be mad! It is the only possible cause," burst from Sir Jaffray like a moan of pain.

Then a knock was heard at the door, and Mr. Gifford came back into the room again, shut the door carefully behind him and advanced right into the middle of the room before he spoke.

"Excuse me, Sir Jaffray, but there's a point which you'll perhaps like to have put very plain to you. I don't ask any questions about the ownership of that dagger, but of course you'll see that a great deal must turn on it. I don't know whether you think that the grave complications which would certainly arise if it were proved to belong to any one particular can be in any way avoided, but if that can be done it should be done, and that without a minute's heedless delay. I thought I'd mention the point; that's all." And without saying any more he went away again.

Sir Jaffray hung his head in bitter humiliation.

But Beryl jumped up.

"Are you going?" he asked as if disappointed at her leaving him. "I want to talk all this over with you. It's got to be broken to the mother, too," he said.

"I shall come back again, but I must go home. For one thing I want to see how my father is," she answered without meeting his eyes.

She went out to her carriage, and, getting in, told the coachman to drive home as quickly as possible. In an inconceivably short time she was back again, and she found Sir Jaffray still pacing the room where she had left him, fighting down the fears which would force themselves upon him as the result of Mr. Gifford's discoveries.

"What have you been doing, Beryl?" he asked as she entered.

"I have been home, Jaffray. Mr. Gifford started an idea in my thoughts, and I have been home to carry it out. Let us be frank with one another in this terrible business. Have you any idea of what it all means or of what we can do?"

"There is only one possible explanation—if this man's thoughts have any foundation—only one. My poor wife has gone mad, and all these awful consequences are the outcome. I have been thinking and thinking and thinking about it all until I am almost mad myself." And he threw up his hands with a gesture of despair. "It is horrible, horrible beyond belief, horrible! And I feel as helpless as a child."

"Well, I have thought of one thing that we can do," said Beryl, "and I have been home to prepare for it."

"What is it?" asked Sir Jaffray eagerly.

"It is not necessary to believe all that Mr. Gifford says and seems to think, but we may act as though what he believes is correct and do what we can to make any proof much harder. You heard what he said about the dagger, and we know to whom it really belongs, and we know what people will think if it is found out that such a weapon were ever taken from the manor house."

"How can they help finding that out?" burst in Sir Jaffray.

"I have been thinking of that, and that was why I went home. You remember you bought home two of those daggers from America and that one of them was given to papa? Well, I have been to fetch it, and I thought that if it were placed where the other ought to be, supposing, as we fear, it is not there, it would help to turn aside suspicion, for a time at any rate."

"You are a true friend, Beryl!" exclaimed Sir Jaffray, taking her hand and pressing it. "Let us go at once and put it there. It was always kept in that old oak cabinet in the blue drawing room."

They went at once to the room and found the dagger gone, as they had expected, and the cabinet locked, but with the key in the lock.

In a moment the dagger which Beryl had brought was put into the place of the other, the outline of the weapon showing on the plush lining exactly the spot where it had lain.

Sir Jaffray closed the door of the cabinet and put the key in his pocket with a sigh of relief.

"I thought your wits would be quick, Beryl," he said, feeling very grateful to her. "You were always a wise counselor."

"I have had another idea," she said. "That little gold filigree ball was taken off one of the pair of bracelets of which Lola gave me one. I have brought it with me, and I should like to put it back among her jewelry, as it will destroy another of the links which seem to have had such effect upon Mr. Gifford. Even if the rest of the bracelet should be found and this is here among her jewelry there is no connection shown."

"You are right, certainly right," exclaimed Sir Jaffray. "Let us go to her room and put it there."

They went up without saying anything more, and after searching ineffectually among Lola's jewels for the bracelet they put Beryl's among them.

"What shall we do about the mother, Jaffray?" asked Beryl when they had locked up the jewels.

"I will not tell her more than is necessary; but, if there is to be any real trouble through this, of course she will have to be told. I am afraid for her, and she will feel it the more keenly and brood on it so much because she is alone."

"My father is much better. If you like, I will stay with her tonight and much of tomorrow, but I must drive back first and tell papa."

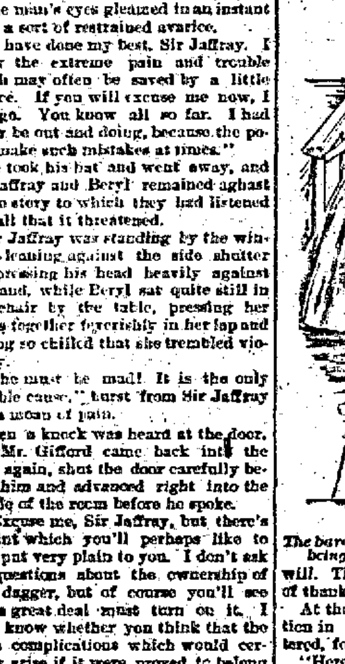
"You will take one great load off my shoulders if you will," said Sir Jaffray, inexpressibly thankful to her.

"I will go to her now," said the girl quietly, "and will tell her all that need be told and as gradually as possible."

They had reached the bottom of the staircase. The baronet stood in the great hall, Beryl being two or three steps above him, with her hand on the balustrade, in the act of turning back to go to Lady Walcote.

"Your presence in the house is a great comfort, Beryl," said the baronet. "I can't thank you yet as I would."

"I am sorry for all the trouble that has come to you, Jaffray," she answered, pausing to look down on him. "If I can help you, of course you know I will. There is no need for any mention of thanks between such old friends."



The baronet stood in the great hall, Beryl being two or three steps above him.

At that moment there was a commotion in the hall, and Mr. Gifford entered, followed by a police inspector.

"Here is Sir Jaffray himself, Mr. Borderham," said the private detective. "The inspector would like to see you, sir, about this most distressing affair."

"If it's convenient, Sir Jaffrey," added the inspector.

"Certainly, inspector, certainly," replied the baronet. "Come into the study." And, bracing himself for the interview, he led the way, followed by the two men, while Beryl went on slowly up stairs.

As she looked at them across the hall Mr. Gifford, who was the last of the three, turned for a second and shrugged his shoulders and lifted his hands with a gesture which she read to mean that something serious had happened.

Then, full of disquiet, she went on to Lady Walcote's room.

CHAPTER XXI.

BERYL'S RUSE.

Before going into her dear old friend's rooms Beryl walked up and down the long, broad corridor for some minutes, plunged in the deepest thought.

She was half bewildered by the rapidity with which these terrible events were crowding one upon the other, and it seemed to her almost impossible that barely two days had passed since she had had the interview with Pierre Turrian which appeared to have precipitated all the trouble that had followed.

Out of the chaos of violence and mystery and death it was with the greatest difficulty that she could evolve any coherent plans and ideas.

Holding the secret key to Lola's actions and her connection with the Frenchman, Beryl did not for the moment believe in Sir Jaffray's theory of madness. Whatever she might be, Lola was no more mad than Beryl herself.

Yet the girl shuddered at the alternative belief which this necessitated.

She recalled the story which Pierre Turrian had told at the dinner table and the incident which he had afterward denied—that Lola had in truth thought and sought to kill him by stamping on his hands when he hung helpless clinging to the rock ledge at her feet.

If she could do that—

If she was mad, it was only in the sense of being goaded to momentary madness of passion in which she might have driven this dagger into her persecutor's heart, as she had before crushed his fingers in her paroxysm.

It was an awful deed; but, knowing the man, Beryl could not bring herself to say it was at all an impossible thing for Lola to have done, and her feeling for the unfortunate victim of this villain's cruel cunning was much more that of pity than of censure.

Nor did her pity stop short at the commission of the crime.

If she could have gone to her now and helped her, Beryl felt that she would do so cheerfully. It was a fearsome deed to have wrought, but Lola had been driven to bay.

Beryl had been glad thus to have an opportunity of fending off some of the suspicion which had threatened her, and she vowed to do all she could to help her in any way.

The sin had been grievous, but the punishment had been swift to follow and terrible to bear, and so far as lay in her power Beryl vowed that she would lighten rather than increase it.

The question was, however, where Lola had fled. It was clear that she must have gone away during the night after she had been seen by Sir Jaffray. Her course up to that time was plain enough to Beryl. The Frenchman had manifestly begun to torment her in consequence of his failure to get Beryl herself out of the way. In the middle of the interview between the two Sir Jaffray had appeared and turned the Frenchman out of the house. Then he had written to Lola to meet him, and she, fearing possibly some violence or maybe moved by a desire for revenge, had taken her dagger with her. They had met by the cottage, and in a moment of passion she had stabbed him and killed him. Then, when making off, she had tried to leave the wood and had been frightened by the appearance of Sir Jaffray.

Owing to his trouble with the restive horse, he had been unable to follow her at once, and she had thus hidden and managed to evade him, slipping out of the wood in the darkness and away probably to some railway station. That was the manifest reason of the conduct which to Sir Jaffray had seemed like the planless and purposeless wanderings of a lunatic.

Beryl's heart bled as she thought of what Lola must have suffered during the night and since the moment of the terrible deed by the wall of the ruined cottage in Ash Tree wood.

The girl went in to Lady Walcote undecided how much to tell her of all that had happened.

The old lady welcomed her warmly. She loved the girl, and now in the time of the sorrow and trouble which had fallen on the house she was infinitely glad of the comfort of her presence.

"This is a sad house, Beryl," she said after she had kissed her and made her bring a stool and sit close by her knees. "I have been sitting alone here thinking till my poor brain reels and is dizzy with it all. How is Jaffray now? Where is he? He has been like one distracted. Oh, Beryl, how could she treat him so?"

"There is much that we cannot yet understand, dear," answered Beryl soothingly. "Do you know Jaffray's thoughts? He fears that Lola has for the time gone out of her mind."

"No; it is not that," said the old lady decisively. "You don't think that, I am sure. She has deceived him. She is bad, Beryl—bad to the core. She comes of a bad stock and is bad herself. That Frenchman is mixed up in this in some way. I never liked him—always suspected him, with his handsome face and his lying tongue."

"She loved Jaffray," began Beryl, when Lady Walcote burst in bitterly:

"Yes, as Delilah loved Samson or Jael Sisera and as Circe used to love the fools she turned to swine. Women don't elope from those they love and with those they hate, do they? Nonsense, child! When you've lived as long in the world as I have, you'll learn to know falsehood when you see it and lies when you hear them. She never loved Jaffray, never."

"No; you are quite wrong," answered Beryl in a firm, clear tone, "and some day you'll be the first to own it."

"I don't see why you should take her part."

"The day will come when you will do the same, dear," answered Beryl sweetly, smiling and stroking the old woman's hand, "for I have never known a heart in trouble to turn to you for sympathy in vain."

"I have no sympathy for the woman who wrongs and shames my son," was the angry reply.

"You have no strength to close your heart against the plaint of genuine and desolate misery."

Lady Walcote shook her head and made as if to reply again sternly, but, meeting Beryl's eyes, said nothing and contented herself with the unspoken assertion of her sternness.

"You must banish all that hardness," said Beryl after a pause, "and collect all your strength of endurance. There is more trouble than even this flight of Sir Jaffray's wife. This Frenchman who left yesterday is dead—died suddenly under circumstances which suggest that he was killed by violence."

"Is there no end to the scandal which that man brings upon us all?" exclaimed Lady Walcote, wringing her hands. "How did it happen? Tell me."

Beryl told as much of the case as she thought necessary and parried the questions which Lady Walcote put to her, and she was still occupied thus when a servant knocked at the door and said that Sir Jaffray wished to see her in the library.

With Sir Jaffray matters had reached a point that seemed to promise an ugly crisis.

The local inspector was a man of some surface shrewdness, and as he was very anxious to find an opportunity of helping forward his own promotion and thought he could see in this case one that might help him he was resolved to make as much of it as possible. At the same time he had all an English policeman's respect for a baronet of such wealth and influence as Sir Jaffray Walcote.

"I have come to ask you, Sir Jaffray, whether you can give me any information as to this unfortunate affair. I believe you identify the deceased man."

"Oh, yes. He is M. Pierre Turrian, a Frenchman or a Swiss, I think—a musician—who has been staying in this country in pursuit of some musical object and for the last two days has been stopping here in the manor. He left yesterday suddenly."

"Can you tell me why he left?"

"I had words with him and told him to go."

"Can you tell me what the quarrel was about?"

"I can, if necessary, but it was a purely private matter."

"I should like to know."

"Very well, then; I will consider about telling you."

The inspector received the answer with a bow.

"Do you know of any one who knew him at all, and who might under any circumstances have a grudge against him?"

"No, of no one. I should think I was as hot against him as any one could be," said Sir Jaffray, with a grim smile. "I horsewhipped him yesterday. I may say that I returned home in time to find him insulting my wife, and, in fact, assaulting her, and I horsewhipped him and turned him out of the house. That is the whole matter."

"Will it be convenient for me to see Lady Walcote presently?"

"No, I am sorry to say. For the present it is impossible. She has left the manor."

"Left the manor!" echoed the inspector in manifest surprise. "Do you mean—in what sense do you mean left?" he asked, changing the form of his question.

"I mean only that she has left the manor and that for the moment I do not know where she is."

Inspector Borderham concealed the impression which this fact made upon him by stooping over his notebook and making an elaborate note.

"This is very surprising intelligence, Sir Jaffray," he said at length.

"It is a very painful fact, inspector," replied the baronet.

"Will you tell me under what circumstances she left and whether you connect the fact in any way with—with the man who is dead?"

"Certainly I do not," answered Sir Jaffray promptly and firmly. "I cannot say today exactly what are the circumstances which have led to her leaving the manor—I shall be able to do so in a day or two, of course—but I am certain there can be no more connection than that of a coincidence in time."

"Did her ladyship leave before or after this M. Turrian?"

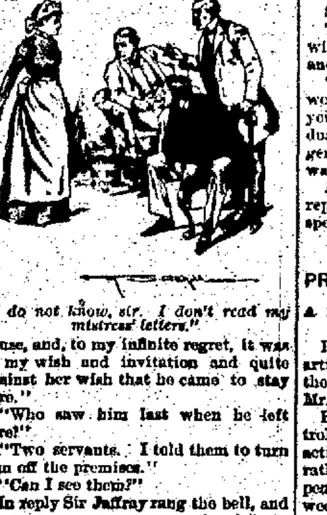
"After. She did not go until the early evening, leaving word that she was going to Leycester Court. It was some time before dinner. The man had been gone some hours."

"Had there been any communication between the Frenchman and her ladyship?"

"None to my knowledge. There has been some whisper to that effect, but I do not attach any belief to it whatever."

"Will you tell me what were the relations between her ladyship and this French gentleman? Were they cordial?"

"On the contrary, my wife objected very strongly to his coming to the house, and, to my infinite regret, it was by my wish and invitation and quite against her wish that he came to stay here."



"I do not know, sir. I don't read my mistress' letters."

"Who saw him last when he left here?"

"Two servants. I told them to turn him off the premises."

"Can I see them?"

In reply Sir Jaffray rang the bell, and the two men were summoned and questioned by the inspector and then sent away.

"Could you tell me how Lady Walcote was dressed when she left here?" was the next question.

"No, I cannot. I did not see her after about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, but her maid may have seen her, and, if you like, you can see her and question her."

He rang the bell and sent for her, but when she came she could throw no light on the matter of dress.

"I did not see my lady after I gave her the letter which was brought for her."

"*What letter was that?*" cried the inspector sharply.

"I do not know, sir. I don't read my mistress' letters. I know no more than that I think it was the letter contained in the envelope which I found in her ladyship's room in the evening and gave to this gentleman," pointing to Mr. Gifford.

"Very well; that will do. Thank you," said the inspector, dismissing her.

When she had gone, he turned to Mr. Gifford.

"What envelope is that? You didn't tell me."

"Didn't I? Well, that was stupid! I meant to. She gave me an envelope addressed in an ordinary hand and with nothing in it, and I tore it up, thinking nothing of it." He told the lie well, with all the air of a stupid man who has been caught committing a blunder and thinks to face it out doggedly.

"You made a bad blunder when you did that, Mr. Gifford," said the inspector severely. "You should leave these things to those who are able to understand what is important and what is not."

"That's all very well, inspector," retorted Mr. Gifford, with well acted warmth, "but perhaps I know as much about the importance of little things as any one else. If it had been the letter itself, I'll give in it might be worth something, but not even a provincial inspector of police could make much of an empty envelope addressed, so far as I recall, in a lady's hand. However, if you choose to think I've done wrong, do it and welcome." And he sneered as if in somewhat contemptuous indifference to the inspector's opinion.

"There was a letter addressed to my wife on that afternoon in a lady's hand," said Sir Jaffray. "I myself gave it to her. It was from Miss Beryl Leycester, and I believe I heard my wife say that in it Miss Leycester asked her to go over to see her at the Court. Miss Leycester is in the manor now, Mr. Borderham, if you would like to see her."

"I should," the latter said, and then Beryl was sent for.

While they were waiting the inspector took from his pocket a small parcel and opened it, and Mr. Gifford began to feel much keener interest than he had yet felt, because he knew that it contained the dagger which he had described and the remaining portion of the gold filigree bracelet of which he himself had found the pendant.

"I may show you these while we are waiting," said the inspector. "This is the knife with which this man was killed, and this is a bracelet which was found near the body, as if dropped in a struggle of some kind. Do you recognize either of them? I ask because I have been told that they come from the manor here?"

At this moment Beryl entered the room, and Sir Jaffray and Mr. Gifford had their heads bent down examining the two articles closely.

"I wanted to ask you, Miss Leycester," said the inspector, leaving the matter of the dagger for a moment, "about the letter which you wrote yesterday to Lady Walcote. Can you tell me what was in it?"

"I asked her to come to see me," replied Beryl.

"Did she come?"

"No, nor did she answer me in any way."

"She left word here that she was coming to you, and you are sure she did not come?"

"I am quite sure." Beryl looked closely at the three men and saw that the matter had reached some sort of crisis.

"Then as to the weapon, Sir Jaffray, and the bracelet. Can you recognize them?"

"They are mine," interposed Beryl, speaking steadily and clearly. "At least that bracelet is mine, and that dagger is from our collection of curios at Leycester Court."

"Are you sure?" asked the inspector, unable to conceal his intense surprise at the turn to matters which this answer gave.

"I am comparatively certain," answered Beryl. "At least I am so certain that I shall be surprised indeed if it is not. This," touching the bracelet, "was given me by Sir Jaffray's wife when she returned from America, she having an almost exact duplicate, and this," pointing to the dagger, "is the dagger you gave to papa, Jaffray, unless, of course, it's the fellow which you kept for yourself. But surely we can settle that easily. I think I know some little marks on it. Let us go and see whether the other is in its place or not. It was in the blue room, you know."

She spoke quite naturally and coolly and led the way to the cabinet.

"It's locked. Do you know who has the key, Jaffray?" she asked. "There is the dagger. I knew this was ours."

Sir Jaffray produced the key, and the dagger was taken out and examined closely, first by the inspector and then by Mr. Gifford.

After that they went up stairs and looked for and of course found the bracelet among Lola's jewelry.

"I was sure of the bracelet, of course, and almost sure about the dagger. But how do you mean to tell me they have any sort of connection with this terrible deed?" she asked the inspector.

He explained how they had been found and then exclaimed in the tone of a man absolutely puzzled and bewildered:

"Well, I can't understand it!"

Soon after he went away.

Then Mr. Gifford turned to Beryl, with a look of indescribable cunning and shrewdness in his eyes as he said:

"I think you're one of the cleverest women I ever met in the world, but you made one mistake—there was no dust, not even a particle, on that dagger. But he didn't notice it. I was watching him."

And then, without giving her time to reply, he hurried away after the inspector.

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PROMOTED FOR GALLANTRY.

A New York Policeman Rewarded For Catching a Burglar.

Hon. Theodore Roosevelt writes an article entitled "The Roll of Honor of the New York Police" for The Century. Mr. Roosevelt says:

Early in our term we promoted a patrolman to the grade of roundsman for activity in catching a burglar under rather peculiar circumstances. It happened to note his getting a burglar one week. Apparently he had fallen into the habit, for he got another the next week. In the latter case the burglar escaped from the house soon after midnight and ran away toward Park avenue, with the policeman in hot chase. The New York Central railroad runs under Park avenue, and there is a succession of openings in the top of the tunnel. Finding that the policeman was gaining on him, the burglar took a desperate chance and leaped down one of these openings at the risk of breaking his neck. Now the burglar was running for his liberty, and it was the part of wisdom for him to imperil life or limb, but the policeman was merely doing his duty, and nobody could have blamed him for not taking the jump. However, he jumped, and in this particular case the hand of the Lord was heavy upon the unrighteous. The burglar had the breath knocked out of him, and the "cop" didn't. When his victim could walk, the officer trotted him around to the station house, and a week afterward he himself was promoted, it appearing upon careful investigation that he was sober, trustworthy and strictly attentive to his duty.

Here again it seems to me that we followed the eminently common sense plan of promoting a man who had earned his promotion by faithful and distinguished service and by proved superior capacity. We cared no more for the policeman's views on the tariff or the currency than we did for those of the burglar. Our interest and the interest of citizens generally was to have the officer catch that burglar and otherwise do his duty. If he did his duty, we were for him; if he did not, we were against him. In neither event did we care whether the officer had or had not the backing of the congressional delegation of the city or the central committee of the county. Of course, as before, this exposed us to wild outcries from the local political bosses and heelers and much sneering at "civil service reform," but all the outcries and sneers meant was that we were doing our duty as decent men and as public officials with some slight appreciation of what was implied by the words honor and uprightness. Political organizations are eminently necessary and useful, but when they are seized by professional spoils politicians of low morality who run the "machine" in their own interests, who clamor against honesty and defy decency and rail against that device for obtaining clean government which is known as civil service reform, then it is time for all citizens who believe in good citizenship to rise in revolt.

The Toposcope.

In the loftiest tower in the city of Vienna there is a novel instrument, known as the toposcope, constantly attended day and night, for the purpose of locating fires. It consists of a good telescope, which is solidly attached to an arrangement of levers, while graduated sections of a circle are arranged horizontally and vertically in such a way that the moving of the telescope sideways or up or down results in a change of position of the hands attached to the levers in reference to the graduated scales. Thus, the stability of the apparatus being assured by the firmness of the fastening, whenever the telescope is focused upon the same object the hands will point to the same figures on the horizontal and on the vertical sextant, and since an index of the whole city has been made it is but a matter of a few seconds, when a glare is discovered at night, to direct upon the spot the toposcope on the side, to read off the numbers, to look up the object and to telegraph to the central station the details observed. Local conditions are, of course, necessary for the successful operation of such an apparatus, but in this case they are said to be almost perfect. The tower is over 500 feet high, and an uninterrupted view of the great area of the city is thus possible to the watchman if the atmospheric conditions are favorable.

White Slaves of Old England.

Eight hundred years ago all of the large cities of England had regular slave markets for the sale of white slaves from all parts of the kingdom. In the "Life of Bishop Wulfstand" the writer says: "It was a moving sight to see in the public markets rows of young people of both sexes tied together and sold like cattle—men, unmindful of their obligations, delivering into slavery their relatives and even their own children." In another part of this work it is noted that these slaves were "particularly young women of fine proportions and of great beauty."

Beating Janus' Best Record.

"No, sir," said the rural voter, "I wouldn't trust that politician under no circumstances."

"Why not?"

"Ye've heard about how ye orter beware of a two faced man?"

"Yes."

"Well, after seein all the different picters of him in the newspapers, I've come to the conclusion that he's a 17 faced man at the lowest calc'lation."—Washington Star.

The Missouri supreme court declared that the law against opium smoking and opium joints is unconstitutional, because it interferes with the right of men to smoke whatever they choose.

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CAST your vote for Hon. T. A. Morrison.

GIVE Walter Ostrander a good rousing majority.

SEE that your Republican neighbor gets to the polls.

DO NOT let our splended Republican majority be reduced by your own negligence in getting to the polls.

ALVA B. GROW, register and recorder of Clinton county was recently appointed bank examiner by Bank Commissioner Gilkinson.

THE leaders of the calamity-party are overjoyed at the slight fall in wheat lately. They are expectantly watching quotations, in the hope that something will conduce to a further depreciation of its value, so that they can say "We told you so" to the farmers. The fact that an ounce of silver a year ago was equal in value to a bushel of wheat, but now buys only half a bushel, has knocked the wind out of their specious arguments.

THERE is no longer any doubt that the "money power" of Europe dominates this country. The "power" has been sending gold into the United States, through New York, San Francisco, New Orleans and other ports, until we now have a gold circulation of $60,000,000 in excess of that of a year ago, with a total circulation nearly $100,000,000 larger than a year ago. This foreign "power" is evidently determined to ruin us, if possible, by dumping a lot of gold in on us in exchange for our wheat, corn, meat and other products.

REPUBLICAN voters should refrain from giving complimentary votes to Democratic candidates, and especially to Eugene Mullin. The Democratic management are well aware that they have no hope of electing anyone on their ticket, except jury commissioner, on a straight party vote. For that reason they will say to Republicans, our candidate has no chance of being elected, but we desire to make as good a showing as possible, give him a complimentary vote. Republicans, stand by your colors and vote for Hon. T. A. Morrison and the whole ticket.

CHAS. A. DANA, one of America's greatest journalists, died at his home at Glen Cove on Long Island last Sunday after a long illness, aged 78 years. During the rebellion he was appointed Assistant Secretary of War and there was no one, except, perhaps, Secretary Stanton and Secretary of State Seward, who stood closer to Lincoln than Dana did during those trying days. His mission was to visit the various commanders in the field and make his reports direct to headquarters, and faithfully did he discharge his duties. The funeral was held Wednesday.

THE statement of Comptroller Eckels of the United States treasury in regard to the business improvement throughout the country is very encouraging. He states that "the improvement has come rapidly and permeates all lines of industry. It began with the agricultural class. The farmers have large crops and are getting good prices for them. The cattle-raisers are benefitted by a substantial rise in the price of cattle. The same is true with the sheep-raisers. This improvement in agricultural earnings has had its effect on the railroads by increasing their earnings. It has put money into circulation and enabled people to pay off their debts, and has thereby benefitted the merchants."

WHAT were some of those remarks that were bandied around from Popocratic stump to stump last year, to the effect that our currency was so limited and contracted that we could not do business, and that the only hope for a return to prosperity was through the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1? It is quite evident to observant men that some of these Popocrats were laboring under a mistake, because by reference to the election returns of 1896 it will be seen that the free coinage proposition was not adopted, and yet here we find in the country to-day nearly a hundred million dollars more in circulation than there was a year ago, and not a dollar of it free silver. Gold alone has increased in circulation in the last year over fifty million dollars.

CERTAIN Democrats in this judicial district are making a terrible outcry against re-electing a man to office who has served a term of ten years. They seem to overlook the fact that Judge Mayer of Clinton county is at present serving his third term as judge and is a Democrat. There was no kick there over his re-election. A man who has made a capable and efficient judge is worthy of being continued in office, and as to Judge Morrison's fitness there is no question, as can be easily proven by referring to any Democratic journal in the district. These journals told the honest truth last spring when without partisan bias they eulogized Judge Morrison and advocated his re-election. He is just as worthy now of their confidence as he was then.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18, 1897.—That President McKinley is in favor of Gen. Tracy the only regular Republican candidate for mayor of Greater New York is now known to all the world, as it was to your correspondent when he told your readers that such was the case. Secretary Bliss had the support of President McKinley when he wrote that strong letter endorsing Gen. Tracy and asking every Republican to vote for him, as he has the support of the President in going to New York for the purpose of registering and of ascertaining in what manner he can best help Gen. Tracy and the regular Republican ticket, and he will have that support in whatever he may do in the campaign. President McKinley does not intend to write a personal letter for use in New York any more than he does one for use in Ohio, not because of any lack of sympathy with the Republicans engaged in the campaign in both places, but because he doesn't think that the President of the United States should personally engage in a political campaign, but he is going to Ohio to cast his vote for the Republican ticket, and it is no secret that he will think more of every Republican voter in any State who follows his example. There is nothing surprising in all this; it would have been surprising to those who know the man, had President McKinley indicated any intention of acting otherwise.

Nothing but commendation has been heard of President McKinley's selection of Hon. John A. Kasson of Iowa to be a special commissioner of the U. S. with plenary powers to negotiate reciprocity treaties with other governments, in accordance with the provisions of the Dingley tariff act. Mr. Kasson served in Congress for many years, where, as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, he acquired valuable experience, and his diplomatic career has been brilliant and enviable. He was first Minister to Austria, then Minister to Germany and later United States Commissioner to the Berlin conference, which arranged the present government of Samoa. The country may rest assured that Mr. Kasson will see that its interests are properly taken care of in any reciprocity treaty he negotiates. Negotiations with France have been under way sometime, and that country is likely to have the honor of the first reciprocity treaty under the Dingley law. Austria and Germany have given notice of their intention to open negotiations for a similar treaty.

There was no surprise at the publication of the tender of Justice Field's resignation from the U. S. Supreme Court, and of President McKinley's acceptance thereof, to take effect Dec. 1, 1897. The fact is generally known that Justice Field would have retired during the last administration—he has been eligible for retirement under the age limit nearly eleven years—but for his disinclination to give Mr. Cleveland an opportunity to appoint his successor, and he announced last year to his friends his intention to retire early in the present administration. His health is quite feeble at this time. There seems to be little doubt that Attorney General McKenna will be named for the vacancy as soon as Congress meets.

Senator Gorman's latest bluff, offering to withdraw for re election and give up the leadership of the Maryland Democrats, if the publisher of the Baltimore Sun would agree to take the leadership and stop fighting the Gorman machine, is so transparent that it has furnished nothing but amusement for the Republicans. Gorman knows that the next Maryland legislature is almost bound to be Republican, and he is anxious to unload the responsibility for defeat on somebody, and he preferred Mr. Abel, of the Sun, who has for years been his most influential enemy inside the Democratic party, to anybody else. Abel has been fighting Gormanism too long to be caught by such a scheme; he knows as well as Gorman does that Democratic defeat is well nigh certain, and he wishes his paper to share in the credit for bringing about that defeat, this year, just as it did in the carrying of the State for McKinley and Hobart last year. Mr. Gorman has been credited with much political shrewdness, but he will have to get up a better scheme or many will think that he has been overrated in the past.

Those who started that story about President McKinley intending to stop the sale of the Union Pacific Railroad overlooked the fact that the sale was ordered by a decree of the U. S. Circuit Court. The only thing that could have stopped the sale would have been an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court, and that the Government decided sometime ago not to take.

OLD SOLDIERS AT CHATTANOOGA.

The South Will Give the Grand Army Veterans a Hearty Welcome.

The heart of many a worn, crippled veteran thrilled with joy when he read the announcement that the Assembly had passed the act providing for the transportation of the survivors of the organizations engaged in the battles in and around Chattanooga during September and November, 1863, in order that they might be present at the dedication of Pennsylvania monuments in Chickamauga Park and again go over the ground so fraught with vivid and exciting memories of bygone days. The veteran's welcome to Dixie on this occasion will be different from that accorded him a score of years ago and from the moment he leaves Washington going down until he crosses the Mason and Dixon line returning, he will be made to feel that the Sunny South is just as hearty in its treatment of a friend as it was warm in the treatment of its one time foe. Preparations for the reception of the Pennsylvanians are now being made, and although large crowds are expected, comfortable provisions at reasonable rates will be made for all. There is a colony of over two hundred Pennsylvanians living in Chattanooga and they have active control of the work of securing quarters in private houses for those who desire them.

At Nashville, in addition to the accommodations at private houses and hotels, the privilege of the free use of tents, provided for that purpose, will be accorded to the veterans. These cities are not alone in their efforts to make these two days a success, for the Southern Railway officials have been doing a prodigious amount of work toward the same end. Since the reorganization of this company, three years ago, it has pursued a policy intended to cement as strongly as possible the social and commercial relations between the North and South. The information that the Assembly had passed a bill providing for the transportation of the Pennsylvania veterans to Chattanooga and return at a rate of one cent per mile, short line mileage, had barely been conveyed to the management, when the Philadelphia passenger representative, John M. Beall, received instructions to announce to Adjutant General Stewart that the Southern Railway would accept the business at that rate, but would handle it, not over its shortest, but over its most attractive route, through Alexandria, Manassas and Bull Run, Culpeper, Brandy, Orange Court House, Salisbury, Asheville and Knoxville. And furthermore that this rate would not be restricted to the veterans themselves, but would also be given to members of their families or to their friends.—Philadelphia Times.

Here is an opportunity that every soldier who can, should take advantage of. The trip will be made as soon as it is considered safe, on account of the yellow fever scare in the South.

WAR VETERANS TAKE ACTION.

Nor in Pennsylvania, if anywhere, the patriotic veterans of the late war are Republicans. When they recall the shock and storm and fury of the assault upon Gettysburg heights, where treason ran to its high water mark, from there to ebb away until it perished at Appomattox, they are inspired with the need of a progressive, compact, patriotic party in power to perpetuate the glories of Pennsylvania that invest old Independence Hall, at Philadelphia, and that make holy the slopes of Cemetery Ridge, Culp's Hill and the rugged walls of Round Top.

These war veterans are just as free now to publicly express their sentiments as they were more than 30 years ago.

The Pennsylvania War Veterans' clubs have issued the following endorsement of the Republican candidates and the principles they represent:

Philadelphia, Oct. 15, 1897.—Comrades: The Pennsylvania Association of War Veterans clubs, through its duly authorized officers, makes this appeal to the loyal defenders of their country to support the candidacy of Major Levi G. McCauley and Hon. James S. Beacom, for the offices of auditor general and state treasurer respectively. It is the belief of this organization that the best interests of our state and nation are conserved by maintaining the supremacy of the Republican party. One year ago a great political battle was fought and won. A comrade of the war was elevated to the high and responsible office of president of the United States. The votes and influence of the veterans materially aided in the election of President McKinley, who had followed the Stars and Stripes as a private soldier in defense of his country's honor. That contest meant a great deal to the veterans of this country. Our comrades had been shamefully treated by the administration of Grover Cleveland. The policy of Hoke Smith has not been forgotten by the maimed and wounded veterans of the late war. The contest is not yet ended; it is but begun. It is our duty to uphold and support the administration which we helped to inaugurate. The policy of the present administration has been dignified, aggressive and patriotic. The president and his cabinet are making a noble effort to redeem the pledges of the Republican party to the American people. The business interests of the country are reviving under the industrial and financial policy of the new administration. Mills are starting up, factories are once more being operated, and workshops show evidence of better times. Prosperity is once more smiling on a hopeful people. All this has been accomplished in aid of the material interests of our country, in a few short months.

While our business conditions have steadily improved, the welfare of the old veterans has been carefully guarded. Many of our comrades who were wrongfully dismissed from federal positions without cause by the administration of President Cleveland have been reinstated. The present commissioner of pensions is a loyal comrade and in sympathy with the justice and equity of the claims of worthy soldiers, their widows and families. We can now have reasonable hope for a fair and just disposition of claims that has been heretofore neglected and retarded.

The new administration is now on trial before the people. The result of every state election this fall will be construed as either an endorsement or disapproval of the policy of the national administration. This is peculiarly true of Pennsylvania. We have always stood in the front of the battle for Republican supremacy. Our loyal devotion to the principles upon which our party is founded has given cheer and courage to the followers of our standard throughout the nation. We are on the threshold of an administration that promises much for the benefit of the material, business, commercial, industrial and soldier interests of our country. It is our duty to support it loyally and faithfully. The Republicans of Pennsylvania have nominated, by regular party methods, candidates for auditor general and state treasurer. They are men of unimpeachable character, strict integrity and well fitted by business and professional training for the positions to which they aspire.

Major McCauley is a one armed soldier, who did his duty bravely on the battlefield and suffered in the terrible prison pens of the south. The veterans have been honored and recognized in his nomination and should loyally support him and the ticket he is on.

The Hon. James S. Beacom is a splendid representative of the young Republicans. While he is young in years he is a veteran in the ranks of party workers. He is a gentleman of scholarly attainments and honest purposes. He has succeeded in life by his own exertions, and has the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and friends in a marked degree.

Our candidates being worthy, deserve the support of every citizen who values the history and traditions of the Republican party. Our grand old commonwealth, that responded so nobly to the patriotic call of President Lincoln, will not fail to endorse the loyal administration of President McKinley by giving a magnificent majority to the candidates of the Republican party at the approaching election on the 2d day of November next.

Fraternally yours,
ROBT. B. BEATH, President.
WILLIAM J. WRAY, Secretary.

THE Philadelphia Record says that the Dingley law comes thundering down the line in the second month of its operation, with a deficit of three and a half million dollars. What a noise there must have been in the second month of the Wilson law, when the deficit was thirteen and a half million!

DO YOUR duty as a Republican and we will have an increased majority.

NO REPUBLICAN should fail to discharge his duty on November 2nd.

THERE should be no Republican laggards in the party this fall.

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ON election day go to the polls early and avoid the rush.

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SEE that every Republican votes.

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God Save the Commonwealth.

ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

PURSUANT TO AN ACT OF GENERAL Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to regulate the nomination and election of public officers, requiring certain expenses incident thereto to be paid by the several counties, and punishing certain offenses in regard to such elections," approved the 10th day of June, A. D. 1893, I, J. F. Davis, High Sheriff of the county of McKean, do hereby make known and proclaim to the qualified electors of McKean county, that a general election will be held in the said county of McKean on TUESDAY, the 2nd day of November, A. D. 1897, (being the Tuesday next following the first Monday of said month) for the purpose of electing the following officers, viz.:

One person for STATE TREASURER.

One person for AUDITOR GENERAL.

One person for JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

One person for CORONER.

One person for JURY COMMISSIONER.

I also make known and give notice that the following is a correct list of the nominations for the respective offices above recited, namely:

REPUBLICAN.

For State Treasurer, James S. Beacom.
For Auditor General, Levi G. McCauley.
For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Thomas A. Morrison.
For Coroner, E. R. Sherman.
For Jury Commissioner, Walter Ostrander

DEMOCRATIC.

For State Treasurer, M. E. Brown.
For Auditor General, Walter E. Ritter.
For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Eugene Mullin.
For Coroner, James C. Walker.
For Jury Commissioner, William Broder.

PROHIBITION.

For State Treasurer, Silas C. Swallow.
For Auditor General, William W. Lathrope.
For Coroner, Sylvester M. Love.
For Jury Commissioner, William H. Dennis.

SOCIALIST LABOR.

For State Treasurer, William H. Thomas.
For Auditor General, J. Mahlon Barnes.

LIBERTY

For State Treasurer, Amos Steckmith.
For Auditor General, James C. Hogan.

INDEPENDENT.

For State Treasurer, William R. Thompson.

PEOPLES.

For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Eugene Mullin.

I also hereby make known and give notice that the place of holding the aforesaid general election in the several townships, boroughs and wards within the county of McKean, are as follows, to-wit:

The township of Annin at the building known as Simpson's store, at Turtle Point.

BRADFORD CITY.

First ward, First district—At Armory Hall, Corydon street.

First ward, Second district—C. J. Lane's building, on Boylston street, near Pine.

Second ward, First district—At the Universalist church, Corydon street.

Second ward, second district—At Edgett's barn.

Third ward—At 120 Washington street.

Fourth ward—In the barn of F. A. Sankard at No. 66 Foreman street.

Fifth ward—Roberts' tank shop on Main street, near bridge.

Sixth ward—At the building known as the "Farmers' Hotel," on Main street, in said ward.

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP.

First district—At Jewett Hall, Custer City.

Second district—At the Clark school house, in said district.

The township of Ceres at the Ceres village school house.

CORYDON TOWNSHIP.

First district—At the house of B. D. Tome, on Willow creek.

Second district—At a building near the school house known as the Thomas Coover school house, in Warrant No. 3783, on road leading up Sugar Creek to Marshburg, near the residence of E. N. Holmes.

The borough of Eldred at hose house, Edson street.

The township of Eldred at a new building on the Barden Brook road.

FOSTER TOWNSHIP.

First district—The lower floor of the A. O. U. W. hall, at Derrick City, in said district.

Second district—In the A. P. Corwin building at Corwin Centre.

HAMLIN TOWNSHIP.

First district—In an addition to what is known as the "Company Store," at Hazel Hurst.

Second district—At Lantz's store.

The borough of Mt. Jewett at the "Hall of A. G. Phillips, in said said borough."

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP.

First district—At the school house in Ludlow.

Second district—Ground floor of Maccabees hall, at Duhkle.

KEATING TOWNSHIP.

First district—On first floor of a building owned by Miller C. Stickles, formerly occupied by J. H. Hall as a bottling house, nearly opposite and northeast of the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad Company's station, in East Smethport, Pa.

Second district—At Bishop's building, at Farmers Valley.

Third district—At A. Bardhart's building, Davis.

KANE BOROUGH.

First ward—At Hotel Lamont, west side of Fraley street.

Second ward—At City Hall, corner of Chase and Bayard street.

Third ward—At the sample room, Thompson House.

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP.

First district—In the south room on the first floor of the Odd Fellows building at Mt. Alton, in said district.

Second district—At the village of Big Shanty, in the basement of the building known as the Maccabees hall, in this district.

Third district—At the town hall at Lafayette Corners.

The township of Liberty in a building near the grocery store of E. Dudley at a point on the Smethport road about 30 rods northwest from the bridge crossing the river from the borough of Port Allegany.

The borough of Port Allegany, second story of public building.

NORWICH TOWNSHIP.

First district—Norwich township hall.

Second district—At a building erected by the Commissioners at Gardeau.

OTTO TOWNSHIP.

First district—In the building known as "Union Hall" in the village of Duke Centre in said district.

Second district—At A. O. U. W. Hall, Rixford.

The borough of Smethport is southeast corner of basement of Court House.

WETMORE TOWNSHIP.

First district—At the cheese factory, East Kane.

Second district—In the building of Mrs. Albert Johnson known as the John Scott building, situated about 75 rods east of the N. M. Orr buildings, where the said elections have heretofore been held, the said Scott building being on the West Kane road.

SERGEANT TOWNSHIP.

First district—At hall of Bayer & Boyd.

Second district—In house of Mary Allison, at Burning Well.

Polls to be open at 7 o'clock a. m. and to be closed at 7 o'clock p. m.

I also make known and give notice that every person, excepting justices of the peace, who shall hold any office or appointment of profit or trust under the government of the United States or of this State or of any city or incorporated district whether a commissioned officer or otherwise, a subordinate officer or agent, who is or shall be employed under the Legislature, Executive or Judiciary department of this State or of the United States or of any city or incorporated district, and also that every member of Congress and of the State Legislature and of the Select or Common Council of any city or Commissioners of any incorporated district, is, by law, incapable of holding or exercising at the same time the office or appointment of Judge, Inspector or Clerk of any election of this Commonwealth, and that no Inspector, Judge or other officer of any such election shall be eligible to any office to be then voted for, except that of an election officer.

Given under my hand this 20th day of October, A. D. 1897.

J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

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Assignee's Notice.

In re assignment of James Carter doing business as Carter & Company to A. G. Phillips in trust for the creditors of the said James Carter.	In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Penna. No. 261, June Term, 1896

To all Parties Concerned:

Take notice that A. G. Phillips, assignee of James Carter doing business as Carter & Company has filed his first and partial account of trust as such assignee, and the same will be presented to the Court of Common Pleas, for allowance, at a session of said Court to be held at Smethport, Pa., on Wednesday, November 3rd, A. D. 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m., and the same will then be allowed and confirmed absolutely, unless cause be shown why the same should not be allowed.

Geo. W. [illegible], Prothonotary
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[illegible], Administrator.
[illegible], Pa., Sept. [illegible]

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, OCT. 22, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Read the letter from Bradford.

—Read Marcus' adv. on the first page.

—The front of the Sprague building has received a new coat of paint.

—W. H. Grumbine has reshingled his residence on Mechanic street.

—There are only 90,000 professional lawyers in the United States.

—Mr. and Mrs. Pat Conners of East Smethport are entertaining a little son.

—Ed Taylor has built a substantial plank walk in front of his residence on Main street.

—Arthur Mitchell is wrestling with Coke and Blackstone in the office of Bouton & Gallup.

—Attend the entertainment given by Young's Minstrels at the opera house next Monday night.

—The veterans should all turn out to hear Capt. Anderson at the court house next Thursday night.

—Do not fail to hear the lecture at the court house next Thursday night by Capt. Hans Anderson.

—The great detective, William Pinkerton had his pocket picked of $250 at Denver, Col., recently.

—Our local nimrods are having great luck this year. Partridges appear to be uncommonly numerous.

—The little rain that fell yesterday morning proved a great blessing, as it quenched the forest fires.

—Some of the convicts at the Allegheny penitentiary have been caught making counterfeit fifty cent pieces.

—Read the article from the Philadelphia Times in reference to the G. A. R. excursion to Chattanooga, Tenn.

—John Carlson and Miss Julia Boakland went to Portville Oct. 15, and were joined in wedlock by Rev. Sheppard.

—Frank Story of Bradford was released last Monday from Castle Davis after having served the county for a year.

—C. W. Lilgendahl has repaired the old Wetmanhall shop and it is now occupied as a carriage shop by John Sorteillon.

—Vitrified brick is highly spoken of in several of our exchanges and promises to become a strong rival of both asphalt and wood.

—Lost, lady's mackintosh cape, between Rew City and Smethport, Saturday, Oct. 16. Finder please leave same at this office.

—Smethport's fife and drum corps are practicing faithfully and will no doubt surprise the people on their first appearance in public.

—Advertisers are requested not to bring in any changes of adv. next week as we are busy with the ballots for the coming election.

—Ray Foote and Miss Bessie Hooker, two popular young people of Port Allegany, were married at the home of the bride's parents in that place last Wednesday.

—The following letters remain uncalled for in the postoffice for the week ending Oct. 16: Burton & Snider, Miss Louis Dunn, Mrs. Annie King, James Kelly.

—Gifford's mill shut down last Tuesday owing to the scarcity of logs. It will remain shut down until sufficient rain falls to raise the water so that logs can be driven to the mill.

—The foot bridge across Marvin creek on Mechanic street is sadly in need of a coat of paint. The railing is also in bad repair and it should receive the attention of the council at once.

—There are many side walks in the borough that are sadly in need of repairs. The owners would do well to make the necessary repairs before they have a damage suit on their hands.

—A vitrified brick walk has been laid in front of the Odd Fellows building. These walks are claimed to be the "coming side walk," and are certainly becoming popular in this place.

—Nearly a mile of cinder path has been built leading from Kane, Pa., toward Mt. Jewett. The expense was borne by popular subscription under the care of (local) members of the L. A. W.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

—We are pleased to welcome to our exchange list the Gazette and Bulletin of Williamsport, one of the best daily newspapers in Northern Pennsylvania. It is up-to-date in news and thoroughly Republican.

—The services at St. Luke's church on next Sunday will be, Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon at 10:30. Evening service at 7:30, Sunday school at 12 m. At All Saint's chapel at 3:00 p. m.

—Mrs. Orlo Bard has been lying ill at the home of her parents at Colegrove for over seven weeks, but is improving somewhat. As soon as she recovers Mr. Bard expects to go to housekeeping at East Smethport.

—Twenty-five of our bright young ladies have rented two rooms on the second floor of the Backus block and are fitting them up for their literary parlors. The MINER wishes the young ladies success in their undertaking.

—A physician declares that if only 20 minutes a day should be spent in physical exercise as an adjunct to mental education, most people might live to 70 without a days illness, and perhaps prolong their lives to 100 years.

—The supreme court has decided that poultry running at large is wild game and the party on which they trespass has a perfect right to kill them. No man has a right to allow his chickens to run at large and bother his neighbors.—Ex.

—No gentleman would swear before a lady—let her swear first.—Clinton Republican. If such a state of affairs were possible on this mundane sphere St. Peter would resign his honored position and ask to come back to earth once more.

—The following marriage licenses were granted recently: Wallace Harpst of Hancock, Ohio, and Estella Erskin of Kane; Rocco L. Josio and Maria Palmo both of Mt. Jewett; Thomas W. Kelly and Miss Ann J. McCrae of Bradford.

—Young's Minstrels will exhibit at the opera house next Monday evening, Oct. 25. A grand minstrel first part will be given, which will be followed by specialties of all kinds, the entertainment to conclude with two laughable farces. Don't fail to be present.

—Mrs. Anna Gifford was elected delegate by the L. O. T. M., to attend the meeting of the K. and L. O. T. M., which will be held in Kane, Friday, Oct. 29, for the purpose of organizing an anniversary association. Mrs. Mary McCammon was elected alternate.

—The physicians of New York City have just discovered that the "golf arm" is a new and serious ailment. It comes from over-indulgence in the new pastime, and the musculo-spiral nerve is affected. It is said to be almost as bad as the trolley heart and the bicycle face.

—The machinery of the Sole Leather Pad Co., has been sold to a firm who will start a large factory at Kane, Pa. Geo. Rank of this city, it is understood, will have charge of the business. The citizens of Kane give the firm $4,000 to locate in that village.—Olean Ledger.

—The Company C foot ball team of Bradford accompanied by about 400 rooters went to Buffalo last Saturday and defeated the crack All Buffalo eleven by a score of 18 to 0. Any amount of Pennsylvania money was in evidence, but the Bisons were "leary" and few bets were made.

—Our hunters have been very busy since the season opened in burning powder, while some have been quite successful among whom are George Brownell and Will Gifford. Guy Mayo kills birds in his own garden and does not find it necessary to tire himself with a long tramp in the woods.

—Harry N. Richmond received a telegram from Denver, Col., yesterday afternoon stating that a vein of ore had been struck in the Adit mine, selected parts of the quartz of which assayed $175 per ton, the average being $100 per ton. The Adit mine is largely owned by Bradford capitalists.—Bradford Star.

—St. Luke's Guild room in Backus building opened on Thursday, Oct. 21, for the reception and distribution of clothing and material for charitable work, and will be open for the above purposes from 2 to 5 p. m., during the fall and winter. All ladies having second hand clothing please remember and send in early.

—J. E. B. White of Marvin Creek, one of the most highly respected citizens of the county, suffered a partial paralysis of the right side on Monday, the 11th inst. The sufferer is doing as well as can be expected and strong hopes of his recovery are entertained, but as Mr. White has passed his seventy-sixth milestone the chances are not as good as could be wished.—Mt. Jewett Herald.

—The Dansville Breeze gives the following advice to young men: "Young man, there are just as good girls in the swim, as ever were caught out. If your best girl has gone back on you, don't go and 'bump your head' but hustle around and find another, and its dollars to doughnuts that inside of a year you'll thank the first one for cutting you loose, for you'll have one that is worth ten of her."

—An exchange calls attention to the fact that those who ride in buggies, on bicycles or any vehicles should always remember that crossing a street or highway the person on foot has the right of way. The law says so, and if you injure a pedestrian by careless riding or driving you are responsible. No one is required to run across a street to keep out of the way of bicycles or vehicles. The riders are the ones to look out for a clear track.

—It is reported that the forest fires raging in Nelson Run, Potter county destroyed 25,000 cords of bark and about 20,000,000 feet of logs. This estimate is undoubtedly too high as it fixes the loss at about $300,000 for the Goodyear Bros. The bark and logs of course were insured. The most severe loss will fall upon the lumber jobbers who were unable to save any of their camp equipage, barely escaping with their lives and stock of animals.

—The pocketbook containing over $5,000 in notes, $21 in cash, as well as valuable papers, which was stolen from Russell Crandall of Portville during the street fair at Olean, was found Thursday morning by Simon Chesley, a W. N. Y. & P. car cleaner. It was hidden in the closet of a passenger coach which has been doing daily service between Olean and Bradford. The money was gone but the notes and all other valuable papers were undisturbed. A lady's empty pocketbook was also found in the same place. The pickpocket was evidently a Bradford man.—Post.

—The many postoffice robberies that are taking place all over the country will ultimately result in the government being compelled to devise some means to detect these midnight marauders. Underground wires connected with police headquarters or some other occupied building so that an alarm would be given, would have a tendency to check these frequent robberies and lead to the capture of the thieves.

—Beginning with November 1, 1897, Harper's Round Table will be published as an illustrated monthly magazine for youth, and will be sold for 10 cents a copy —$1.00 a year, instead of $2 a year as when published weekly. It will be larger and beside the three serials will contain many short stories. There will also be money prizes for competition in short stories, amateur photography and comic sketches.

—A lecture will held at the court house Thursday evening, Oct. 28 at 8 o'clock p. m., by Capt. Hans Anderson, the only survivor of the famous Monitor, subject: "Battle of Monitor and Merrimac." The lecture is under the auspices of the Swedish Brethren church and will be given in the English language. For further information see bills. Tickets for sale at Anderson's shoe store and the business place of John Miller.

—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kerns entertained a number of friends Thursday evening at their home on Maplewood avenue, the occasion being in honor of the eighth anniversary of their wedding. The principal divertissement of the evening was an interesting card contest, being between native Americans, and at one-time residents of Canada, in which the former were victorious. Elegant refreshments were served.—Bradford Post.

—A report comes from Center county that a man down that way went out into his garden not long ago, planted a cucumber seed and started on a run for the house, but before he could get out of the garden the cucumber vines overtook him, wound around his legs and threw him down. He ran his hand in his pocket to get his knife to cut the vine and pulled out a cucumber six inches long. If this is not the truth blame the Warren Mirror.

—Geo. J. Husted died at his home in Smethport, Saturday, Oct. 16, of typhoid fever, aged 41 years, 5 months and 7 days. The deceased was born in Belfast, Allegany county, N. Y., and was by occupation a carpenter. He leaves a wife and two children and his mother to mourn his departure. He was a member of the I O O F. and K. O. T. M. Funeral services were held at the residence at 2 p. m. last Monday. Interment at Rose Hill cemetery.

—At the Travellers' Club on Saturday, Oct. 16, Mrs. H. L. McCoy read a paper on "The Romans," in Spain and Portugal; Mrs. Chas. McKean described how the "Introduction of Christianity" was effected in these countries and there was a very pleasant discussion on "Domestic Economy" in which all of the members supplemented the remarks of the following ladies: Mrs. W. A. Riever, Mrs. M. L. Church, Mrs. B. F. Wright and Mrs. Leon K. Hogarth.

—The Rev. J. H. McCandless has returned from Buffalo. Messrs. Young, McCoy and Forrest returned early in the week, all having been in attendance at the St. Andrew's Brotherhood convention. They report a great gathering, deep interest and enthusiasm and crowded mass meetings in Music Hall. There is no other organization in the country similar to St. Andrew's Brotherhood, which has become a great force in extending the kingdom of God on this earth.

—An exchange tells the following: A lady died and while the pall-bearers were conveying her to her last resting place, by some mishap they stumbled and dropped the corpse. The concussion brought the deceased back to life and she lived six or seven years and died again. On the way to the grave they passed over the same ground, and when the pallbearers reached the identical spot where the stumble had been made at the previous sad service, the grief stricken husband stopped in front of those bearing the remains of his lamented wife and said: "steady boys, steady."

—The worst habit a man can fall into is that of ill humor. To meet a man with a scowl on his face makes you feel more or less gloomy, while smiles are contagious and send a ray of sunshine to the heart. Many a man gets a reputation of being a "rattling good fellow," just because he speaks cheerfully to people and smiles. His melancholy brother may have a more sympathetic heart and a higher moral nature, but people don't like him because he is gloomy.—Clinton Republican. That's right, Brother Kinsloe. A smiling face and a pleasant word makes many a rough place on the road through life appear like a paved street.

—It is well to keep your eye peeled for this young man, says an exchange: He calls at a farmer's house and politely doffs his hat to the housewife and says: "Good morning madam; I have just met your husband and purchased a calf from him. He could not change this $20 bill and he told me to call at the house and get $15 in change." The good woman supposing it to be all right, gives him the requisite change and he departs saying he will call for the calf in a day or two. When the husband comes in and is told of the transaction, he knows there is some mistake, but as he has the $20 bill he concludes he is not out much. But when he undertakes to pass the bill, he discovers it to be a rank counterfeit, and then he knows how he has been swindled.

—A Bradford dispatch says that the United States Pipe Line Company, which is composed of independent producers and refiners, has brought suit against the Standard Oil Company, Tidewater Pipe Company and the D., L. & W. railroad company for $650,000 damages, alleged to have been sustained by the tearing up of its pipes and injury to its business at Belvidere, N. J. The recent death of Roger Sherman was the cause of a few days' postponement in bringing the action, but it is said now that a prominent Buffalo attorney has been engaged who has the case prepared and the suit will be brought at once. This will no doubt be a hotly contested case by both sides. The case will be tried at the next term of court in McKean county.—Olean Times.

—An exchange very truthfully says: Only those who have lived in a country town can realize the power and fascination of the home paper. It occupies a place that no other publication can fill. The home newspaper comes first, always. Everybody looks through every column to see if his or her name is in the paper. Each bit or local gossip is read and discussed. Sometimes it is a death, sometimes a birth, sometimes a marriage. No matter what it is, every name mentioned is familiar to all, and for this one reason alone the home paper is prized above and beyond anything the "literary fellows in the city can produce. It does not take a very great while to read the news in the home paper; there's time to read the advertisements, and the advertisements are read, just the same as is the news. Every business man in every town where a paper is printed should be represented in that paper. If not it is he, and not the publisher of the paper, who is the loser."

—The jury in the Langert case failed to agree. They stood nine for conviction [illegible] acquittal. The judge discharged them.

—A clothing store at McDonald was burglarized Wednesday night. There were evidently five in the party as they left five suits of old clothes, providing themselves with new outfits throughout. A hardware store was robbed and a quantity of jack-knives taken.

—S. W. Smith of Port Allegany royally entertained a few of his Smethport friends at the Sartwell House last Friday. The party went from here in carriages accompanied by everything that could be desired to make the day one of perfect pleasure; from fine roads, beautiful weather, grand scenery and delightful companions, to a foot ball game, a sumptuous banquet and a moonlight return. Following is a list of the ladies and gentleman who vote Mr. Smith the prince of entertainers. Mr. and Mrs Brasted, Dr. Chadwick and wife, Sheriff Davis and wife, Mr. and Mrs Gorton, Mr and Mrs. Webb, Mr and Mrs McGuire, the Misses Wright, Miss Rena Richmond, Par Anderson and Guy Mayo.

The Postoffice Robbed.

Last Tuesday morning about 3:45 Geo. Brownell and his father, Judge W. S. Brownell, who occupy rooms over the store for sleeping apartments, were suddenly awakened from a sound sleep by a loud report that sounded like a gas explosion. George hastily dressed and arming himself went out to ascertain the cause of the disturbance. Failing to discover any signs of fire, he made up his mind that a safe had been blown open.

He went to the Grand Central and tried to arouse Deputy Sheriff W. B. Clarke, but was unsuccessful. By this time George had made up his mind that something was wrong at the postoffice and proceeded to Postmaster Walsh's residence on Water street and awakened that gentleman. They hurried back and found that burglars had pried open the front door of the postoffice, gained entrance to the private office where they drilled a hole into the safe over the money drawer and blew the safe door open. The explosion shattered one of the windows in the rear of the room. The thieves secured about $75 in money and stamps and made their escape through one of the rear windows. The safe was completely ruined.

Had Mr. Brownell been fortunate enough to have had another man with him when he first suspected that all was not right, they could have prevented the escape of the marauders from front or rear, and George was prepared to give them a hot reception.

The Portville postoffice was robbed of a like amount the same night. It might have been the same parties that robbed the office here as a freight train came up during the night.

The thieves who robbed the office here broke into the carpenter shop of Frank Kerns and secured a brace and some chisels to carry on their work. It is to be hoped that these scoundrels may be caught and justice meted out to them.

A few weeks ago the editor was taken with a very severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of la grippe and recognizing it as dangerous he took immediate steps to bring about a speedy cure. From the advertisement of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the many good recommendations included therein, we concluded to make a first trial of the medecine. To say that it was satisfactory in its results, is putting it very mildly, indeed. It acted like magic and the result was a speedy and permanent cure. We have no hesitancy in recommending this excellent cough remedy to anyone afflicted with a cough or cold in any form.—The Banner of Liberty, Libertytown, Maryland. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

There is Nothing so Good.

There is nothing just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, so demand it and do not permit the dealer to sell you some substitute. He will not claim there is anything better, but in order to make more profit he may claim something else to be just as good. You want Dr. King's New Discovery because you know it to be safe and reliable, and guaranteed to do good or money refunded. For coughs, colds, consumption and for all affections of throat, chest and lungs there is nothing so good as Dr. King's New Discovery. Trial bottle free at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50 cents and $1.00

Those who believe chronic diarrhoea to be incurable should read what Mr. P. E. Grisham, of Gears Mills, La., has to say on the subject, viz: "I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have tried all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found a remedy that affected a cure and that was Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." This medicine can always be depended upon for colic, cholera morbus, dysentery and diarrhoea. It is pleasant to take and never fails to effect a cure. 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Salesman Wanted.

A reliable man to sell our Lubricating Oils and Greases to consumers and dealers. Commission and terms very liberal. References required. Address:
THE HOWARD OIL & GREASE CO.,
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Tried and True.

Thousands have tried Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin for constipation, indigestion and sick headache and have found it true to the claim made for it, viz: That it is the best remedy now before the good people for the relief of stomach troubles. Trial sizes 10c, large sizes 50c and $1.00 of A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

Is equally as effective for animals as for the human flesh. As a liniment it has no equal in the world. Every bottle guaranteed. It never fails to cure neuralgia. Sold by Chadwick's Drug Store.

Croup Quickly Cured.

Mountain Glen, Ark.—Our children were suffering with croup when we received a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It afforded almost instant relief. F. A. Thornton. This celebrated remedy is for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Have you seen "Solomon Isaacs?"
An awful fine cigar—"Solomon Isaacs."
Five cents will buy a "Solomon Isaacs."
Don't fail to get a "Solomon Isaacs" cigar.

Disfigurement for life by burns and scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

I have a large quantity of hard wood, slab stove wood, which will sell at mill at 50 cts. per cord, or in quantities of 10 cords or more, will sell at 40c. per cord.
40-4t. F. C. OLDS, Newell, Pa.

There is no need of little children being tortured by scald head, eczema and skin eruptions. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve gives instant relief and cures permanently. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

You can't cure consumption but you can avoid it and cure every form of throat or lung trouble by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Wm. Masser has employed a first-class bicycle repairman from Buffalo who will be able to make any repairs needed, or build new wheels.

Good house and lot for sale. Inquire at this office or of the undersigned.
M. S. COWEN.

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—Subscribe for the MINER.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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F. G. Lindholm visited Olean Monday.

Judge Henry Hamlin visited Olean Monday.

T. F. Mullin of Bradford was in town yesterday.

Att'y P. R. Anderson visited Mt. Jewett Tuesday.

Sheridan Gorton went to Philadelphia Monday night.

Orlo J. Hamlin visited Geneva friends the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Colegrove visited Gilmor last Sunday.

Fred McCoy visited his former home at Ellicottville Sunday.

F. M. Windsor and wife of Bartville were in town Wednesday.

Milo Lyman of Roulette was a most agreeable caller yesterday.

County Auditor C. W. Freeman of Bradford was in town last week.

Mrs. Fred Smith of Buffalo is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Voorhis.

Rev. J. Heber McCandless arrived home from Geneva Wednesday night.

Mrs. Carrie Reilly visited Olean on a business mission Tuesday afternoon.

Leon Wolters spent Saturday at Austin with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Baldwin.

Capt. E. R. Mayo transacted business at Ceres and Shingle House Monday.

Mrs. A. Ottman and Mrs. Geo. Newland drove up from Eldred on Tuesday.

J. K. Stull of Coryville was a most agreeable caller at this office Wednesday.

Eugene Mullin arrived in town Monday night and was a guest at the Central.

Miss May Choate visited her sister, Mrs. H. S. Rogers, at Mt. Jewett Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wormer of East Smethport spent Sunday with Arcade friends.

Chas. K. Crawford and wife of Roulette were guests at the Grand Central last Tuesday.

Leon Wolters started for Baltimore Monday night where he will take a course in dentistry.

Jas. A. McKean started for Pittsburg Monday. He served the Commonwealth this week as a juror.

Deputy Prothonotary Walter K. Swetland of Coudersport was calling on old friends in town Friday last.

Miss Lydia Burlingame went to Olean Tuesday where she will preside at Mrs. Reilly's millinery establishment.

Sam Wait, a prominent lumberman of Colegrove and an old time friend of ye editor was in town on business Wednesday.

W. E. Rice and W. H. Feller, two of Warren's prominent citizens, were transacting business at the court house Wednesday.

Mrs. John Bush of East Smethport was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Smith, over Sunday.—Tuesday's Kane Republican.

Rev. John W. Sanborn and family leave to-day for their new home in Olean. May their new home be both pleasant and profitable.

J. C. Doyle, one of Sartwell's most up-to-date farmers was in town Saturday. Mr. Doyle is making a most comfortable home for himself and family.

J. D. Flynn of Pittsburg, one of the superintendents of the Western Union Telegraph Co., was in town Tuesday inspecting lines in this section. Mr. Flynn was very much impressed with the beautiful appearance of our town.

Miss Ruth Oviatt of Smethport, a niece of Dr. D. B. Day, was a guest at the Day residence on Monday and Tuesday. The young lady left Tuesday for Chambersburg, where she will attend the Wilson College for Ladies.—Ridgway Advocate.

Last Sunday afternoon B. F. Wright, W. A. Young, Dan Bacon, Jonas Verdon, E. T. Daly and William Black drove to Kinzua for a fish in the raging waters of the Allegany. They were well equipped for all sizes of fish from a muscalonge to a shiner. The people of our town will be well entertained with interesting fishing stories during the long winter evenings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BRADFORD.

The Emery Oil Co. has laid a pipe line to Watsonville.

The young lady ushers at the Sloan-Weaver concert were "just too sweet for anything."

The bricklayers of Bradford have joined the International Association of their craft.

Edward J. Crowell, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has recovered from his recent illness and is again able to attend to his duties.

The ladies of the Universalist church gave a very enjoyable cake sale and social at the residence of Mrs. Geo. A. Berry on Congress street, Tuesday evening.

Henry Martin, who tried to liberate the prisoners in the Mayville jail, was captured in this city Friday and returned to Chautauqua Co., under the chaperonage of Deputy Sheriff Crisey.

H. S. Southard is trying to get up a company to dredge the river and creek bottoms of Alaska for the precious metals that have washed into them through unknown centuries.

The schools of this city are overcrowded and in all probability a new building will be built in the first ward.

A woman in a state of beastly drunkeness, carrying a three-months-old baby in her arms, presented a pitious spectacle on Main street one evening this week. She was arrested and when sober enough was sent to the home of a colored woman on Washington street.

The notorious Lena Grover, formerly a shining light in Bradford's tenderloin district, was sentenced to six months in the Mayville jail the other day for being a disorderly character. As the Era would say, "what is Bradford's loss is Mayville's gain.

David Irvine, a driller whose mind has been affected for some time and who has been variously confined at the lockup, the hospital and at his sister's home on Washington street, escaped from the latter place Sunday and raised a disturbance. He was taken to the bastile and will be sent to Warren.

Following is the board of directors elected at the meeting of the United States Pipe Line stockholders Tuesday afternoon: C. P. Collins, L. Emery, J., E. H. Jennings, Eugene Liebel, J. W. Lee, M. Murphy, T. W. Phillips, Louis Walz, J. C. McDowell and Hugh King. E. H. Jennings was elected treasurer.

Hon. Lewis Emery, Jr., who has been ill in Dakota is sufficiently recovered to admit of his traveling and he is now on his way home.

A spark from an Erie locomotive ignited a pile of slabs at the Blaisdell kindlingwood factory Friday. Although the firemen responded promptly and were assisted by the Emery steamer, the fire could not be extinguished and smouldered till Sunday, causing a loss of $500 00, fully covered by insurance.

Merchants and residents of East Main street are entering many complaints in regard to the paving of that thoroughfare. The street has been practically closed to traffic for many weeks and the storekeepers claim it is killing their business, while residents say they will refuse to pay the paving tax unless better work is done.

The scarcity of water caused by the almost unprecedented drought is beginning to get alarming. There is not over four feet of water in either reservoir and although the wells which augment the supply are going night and day it has been found necessary to pump water from Kendall creek into the lines. By this means 400,000 gallons are added daily to the amount. Nevertheless consumers are being warned not to waste the water and if a serious fire should break out the city would be in a very helpless condition.

The sensation which was expected to have been sprung at the meeting of the council Monday night did not develop. It seems some of the taxpayers claim we have been paying more money for our paving by 30 or 40 per cent. than do residents of other cities, also that there was a deal among the bidders to keep up the price. A special committee was appointed to investigate the matter and Monday evening having been unable to form any opinion of the trouble, submitted the report to the council. The evidence obtained was very contradictory and no special action has yet been taken.

Carl Clarke, the brawny middleweight, is trying to arrange a bout with Prof. Rhode, whom he says he can finish in ten rounds. Rhode is said to have shown the white feather in the affair with Bain last week and seems not to be anxious to come to the scratch.

The city is overhung by a cloud of blue smoke and the air is filled with ashes from the forest fires in the vicinity. Large forces of men have been sent out to fight the fires [illegible]

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Hunting parties are in order once again.

We are glad to learn that John Henderson of Yorkshire, N. Y., whose face was so badly crushed while trying to save the hand-car from being wrecked here Tuesday, is recovering as rapidly as can be expected.

Miss Bertha Martin of Eldred was the guest of Miss Rhoba Prentiss Wednesday and Thursday.

R. A. Rice and wife of Eldred and Rev. and Mrs. Zanhiser of Butler, Pa., were guests at the home of Mrs. Oscar Carpenter Thursday.

Mrs. J. H. Layton and son and Lynn Burdick of Colegrove were calling on old friends here Thursday and Friday.

Miss Luella Moyer of Mt. Jewett visited Mrs. W. E. Windsor Friday and Saturday.

Miss Malinda Wedell of Portville, N. Y., was the guest of her sister, Miss Freda, Friday.

Z. H. and C. G. Carpenter made a business trip to Westons, N. Y., Saturday.

Misses Freda Wedell and Bella Otto and A. J. Champlin and B. A. Rice attended the dance at H. A. Smith's, at Coryville, Friday evening.

Mrs. B. B. Taylor of Mt. Alton is visiting her parents, Wm. Windsor and wife, of this place.

E. S. Carpenter appears with a much more dignified mein since the arrival of that small grandson at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Taylor.

The two brothers of our townsman, Chas. Foster, accompanied by their better halves, drove over from Cuba Saturday, returning Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Eliza Hall is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Adams, of Hotel Chadwick.

Miss Emma Adams, who for the past six weeks has been visiting at the home of her uncle at Taggarts Mills, N. Y., returned to our midst like a ray of sunshine Monday.

TURTLE POINT.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bush of Gardeau are visiting their son, C. F. Bush.

The missionary society met at Mrs. F. Bishop's last Friday. Quite a delegation from Port Allegany was here.

Wm. Smith and family of Port Allegany were calling on friends here this week.

The oil well is progressing finely. James Taylor means business.

Rev. Miller of the M. E. church was sent back here for another year. May there be a waking up here in Turtle Point. Rev. Miller is well liked here among the people.

Mrs. A. E. Cummings of Brookland visited friends here this week.

Robert Miller of Bolivar was visiting parents and friends here this week.

Miss Cenia Crawford of Grimes' District is visiting friends here this week.

The latest joke out is on T. L. Knapp. A lad came along recently who had a horse and buggy which he wished to sell. Mr. Knapp bought the outfit for $35. A New York State sheriff came along soon after and took possession of the horse and buggy, which had been stolen from Cuba, N. Y. The young lad as soon as he got the check cashed in Port Allegany skipped for parts unknown and has not been apprehended at this writing, although telegrams were sent in every direction.

ANNIN CREEK.

Whooping cough is a thing of the present with most of us in this neighborhood.

Our teachers all attended the institute at Smethport last week.

Prof. E. L. Ault has organized a singing school in this place. He had a class here last winter.

S. E. Cooper was attending James Taylor's store at Crosby last week. Mr. Taylor is interested at present in putting down an oil well on his farm at Turtle Point.

There was a chicken pie social at Rev. Langmade's last Thursday evening. A good turnout and a pleasant time is the report.

Our neighborhood is to meet with quite a change-about this week. Ed. Davis will move his family into Hiram Harder's house and Ira Tubbs will occupy the house where Ed. now lives. C. B. Buckley of Shingle House is going to move back onto his farm and Geo. Bease of Duke Centre will move onto his fathers farm in this place. All this is expected to take place this week.

Arch Holcomb has purchased the farm in this place formerly owned by Mrs. S. M. Riffe.

CLERMONT.

Clermont came near having another fire several days ago, through some of the rubbish in the back yard of the Bayer House catching fire, but it was discovered in time so there was no damage done.

The Independent Gas Co.'s well is down through the Bradford sand which was barely noticable. They are now anxious for the Kane sand which is their only hope, as there has not been any sign of either gas or oil.

Our livery has again changed hands. It is now the Slocum Brothers who manage the business.

Geo. Rudolph intends to leave us in the near future. He expects to move to Glen Hazel where he now has a branch tailor shop. This will leave a good opportunity for some good, enterprising tailor to start.

Dr. E. Tory of Allegany, N. Y., formerly of this place, and Dr. McCoy of Smethport were shaking hands with their old friends on Saturday last. They also took in the sights at our water works.

J. H. Peterson has the frame of his new house up and nearly enclosed.

A Good Memory

often saves money and also good health. If you are troubled with constipation, indigestion or any form of stomach trouble remember to take home a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and health will be restored to you. Trial sizes 10c (10 doses 10c) large size 50c and $1.00 of A. B. Armstrong & Co.

J. M. Thirswend of Grosbeck, Texas, says that when he has a spell of indigestion and feels bad and sluggish, he takes two of DeWitt's Little Early Risers at night, and he is all right the next morning. Many thousands of others do the same thing. Do you? A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits; 75 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Smethport.

Hotel For Sale.

Larrabee House at Larrabee, Pa. This is one of the best locations in McKean county at junction of W. N. Y. & P. R'y. License will be transferred to right man. Call or write at once if you want a bargain.
M. L. ARMSTRONG,
Smethport, Pa.

Small pill, safe pill, best pill. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cure billiousness, constipation, sick headache. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

If you wish first class carpenter work call and see me at the old reliable stand.
T. H. TURTLE.

The Pittsburg Daily News.

Upon the occasion of the recent National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Buffalo, the Pittsburg Daily News, by way of compliment to the organization, supplied 25 comrades with tickets from Pittsburg to Buffalo and return free of charge. It has been determined to do still better next year.

The encampment for 1898 will be held at Cincinnati, Ohio. The commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. is Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, a Pennsylvanian. It therefore behooves comrades of the Department of Pennsylvania to make an especially large showing. It is also highly probable that the next department commander for Pennsylvania will be a Pittsburger, and posts in the vicinity of Pittsburg will naturally desire to have a large turnout by way of compliment to him. To help the [illegible]

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Every Lady

who has examined our line of JACKETS and CAPES remarks that it is the largest and most complete line ever shown in Smethport. We have them all unpacked now and ready for your inspection. The stock embraces a complete line of

Jackets,
PLUSH and CLOTH
Capes.

The Plush Capes are very stylish this fall. Jackets are a trifle longer with buttons mostly all out of sight and have braid trimming. We have about

One Hundred

different styles to select from, so come early and get your choice of the styles.

We guarantee every garment to give satisfaction and make it right at any time. You have no risk to run if you buy from us. Prices lower than any place in town—quality and value considered.

J. Colegrove.
Next to Bank,
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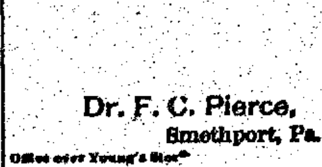
PAINLESS
EXTRACTION.

Dr. F. C. Pierce,
Smethport, Pa.
Office over Young's Store.



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For both sexes. Five courses of study besides preparatory. Studies a prepared and admitted to the best colleges on certificate. Special courses of music and art. Our large model school offers the fullest opportunities for the training of teachers. A large corps of instructors. Fine location. Beautiful grounds. Magnificent buildings. Finest of athletic grounds. Elevator. Infirmary, with attendant nurse. Average cost per year, [illegible]. The alumni of the school [illegible]. Fall term, September [illegible]. Winter term, December [illegible], spring term, March [illegible]. Students admitted at any time. For catalogue, containing full information, apply to
S. H. ALBRO, Ph. D., Principal,
Mansfield, Pa.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF LEVARI FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Pa., I will expose at public sale on the premises, in the borough of Port Allegany, on

Tuesday, the 2nd day of November, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described piece of property:

Defendant's interest in all that parcel or lot of ground in McKean county, Pennsylvania: Beginning at a post in the west line of Pearl street in Port Allegany [illegible]

[illegible]

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Oct. [illegible], 1897.

WARNING.—Persons who suffer from coughs and colds should heed the warnings of danger and save themselves suffering and fatal results by using One Minute Cough Cure. It is an infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup and all throat and lung troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Wanted—An Idea [illegible]

THIS IS

Everybody's Opportunity.

Go to store of D. C. Young and buy your goods at old prices, before the advance which is sure to come. I have just returned from the city where I have bought for cash the finest stock of General Merchandise ever brought into town.

A LITTLE MONEY

Will provide a large family with Clothing, Boots, Shoes and Groceries at my store for the coming Winter. We are all looking for bargains. I have them for you; my store is full of them. Here are a few:

Good Tea at 25c a pound; good Coffee at 12 1-2 cts a pound; Women's Fleece Lined Vests 25c, and Drawers to match at same price; combination suits 50c. A nice line of Dress Goors at 10c to 25c a yard. 25c will buy your boy a good Winter cap, and 50c will buy him a pair of pants.

I only mention a few articles, but invite you to my store to look over my immense stock and note the prices. If you do not see what you want, please ask for it.

D. C. YOUNG.
Oct. 1, 1897. SMETHPORT, PENN'A.

Stark's Steam Laundry.
First-Class Work. Up-to-Date Prices.

I am prepared, having employed a practical laundryman, to do everything in my line. Family washing a specialty.

Laundry called for Mondays and Wednesdays and delivered when ordered. WORK GUARANTEED.

Backus Block, **Wash Stark,**
SMETHPORT, PA. Manager and Proprietor.

J. C. STULL, Farmers Valley.
New Goods! Lowest Prices!

My store is chock full of new goods and going at prices that are lower than ever before. Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain, Mill Stuff, Hardware, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes and all kinds of Rubber Goods. Sole agent for Snag Proof Rubber Goods in this vicinity. Your patronage solicited. Yours Truly,
J. C. Stull.

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Bath Tubs, Water Closets, Wash Basins, Gas Stoves, Gas Fixtures, Steel and Tin Roofing, etc. Also Galvanized Conductors and Tin Spouting.

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STOVES.

This is the time of year when you will want to find the place where you can get the most suitable stove for the least money. We want your trade and we offer the greatest inducement—the best values for the least money.

We have in stock 50 styles of

COOK STOVES,
HEATERS,
RANGES

for gas coal and wood

FROM $2.00 UP.

Our long experience enables us to put the best stove on the market at very low prices. Try Mason before you purchase a stove, heater or range.

Mason's Hardware,
Smethport, Pa.

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Keeps in stock a fine line of

**GROCERIES
PROVISIONS
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and CIGARS.**

Fresh Fruit
OF ALL KINDS CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

Canned Fruit
OF EVERY KIND A SPECIALTY.

Be Sure To Call.

FOR 1897

I have received a large invoice of

Wall Paper,

all of the latest designs. Call at the

Furniture Store of Specht & Sasse

and examine my stock. Experienced paper hangers furnished when desired, and all work guaranteed.

C. SASSE,
Smethport, Pa.

Now is the Time
to Buy Buggies.

During the balance of this month we will sell

BUGGIES AT A
DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

We have some good Bargains in second-hand Buggies. Don't let this opportunity go by without at least coming in and looking over our stock.

Oak Leather Harness & Carriage Co.,
192 Union Street,
OLEAN, N. Y.
Sign GRAY HORSE.

Are you Going
to buy a
Mower, Reaper or Binder?

Wm. Masser is agent for the JOHNSTON HARVESTING CO., of Batavia, N. Y. He will be pleased to show Machines and quote prices. Also Walker, Stratman & Co.'s Fertilizers, at low prices.

WILLIAM MASSER,
Water Street. Smethport.

LEE ONN'S
Smethport Steam Laundry.
FIRST-CLASS WORK.
—CUT PRICES—

Shirts, 5c; lace curtains, 25 cts pair; family washing 50c per basket; shirt waists 5c. Laundry when ordered.

Have employed two laundrymen, and can do the very best kind of work.

Satisfaction guaranteed. Laundry collected and delivered.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve
Cures Piles. Scalds. Burns.

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—W. P. Trent in Dial.

HERMIT OF ANTRIM.

AN EDUCATED MAN'S SOLITARY EXISTENCE IN IRISH CAVES.

There Is a Mystery About Him, and No One Can Tell Whence He Came—He Lived Upon Potatoes Only, but He Cooks Them Before Eating.

There are portions of the north of Ireland where nature assumes a grand and wild aspect. On the coast of Antrim there is an [illegible] in the furious battle that, since the first ages of the terrestrial globe, was engaged between the ocean and the rocks. Columns of basalt, like gigantic sentinels, stand on guard to resist the invasion of the ocean, and the profound excavations made under the granite rocks that protect this portion of the soil of La Verte Erin prove that the waves must have frequently made most vigorous onslaughts and only retired after they had mined a land which they could not conquer.

It is not difficult to imagine that this majestic and desolate site should have attracted one of the vanquished ones in life, one who had absolutely decided to separate himself from the society of men. The real hermits are becoming more and more rare—indeed, it was believed that they had completely disappeared—but if a vocation for that singularly abandoned profession could still be felt by any one it might be in the presence of the marvelous spectacle of that sea whose waves never subside, of those grottos whose pillars and vaults possess a power which the art of the architect can never equal. Nature herself seems to have created in those rocks a refuge for the shipwrecked, for the [illegible] and perhaps also for those who despise the vanities of life.

About ten years ago a mysterious individual made his home in the grottoes of the coast of Antrim. The approach of any human being seemed to inspire him with an invincible repugnance. As soon as the cavern which he had selected for his refuge was discovered by the fishermen of the neighborhood he immediately disappeared and took up his quarters 20 or 30 kilometers farther on in another retreat which appeared more inaccessible. For a few months his domicile was in an old abandoned mine the principal gallery of which advanced under the ground to the distance of about five kilometers, but as the inhabitants of the nearest village had long before carried away the beams that sustained the vault to convert them into firewood the hermit was obliged to quit that dangerous refuge, where he was constantly exposed to the danger of being buried alive. So he installed himself in a grotto, the access to which was more easily discovered, but it was less obscure, less humid and less liable to cave in. There he flattered himself that he would find at least some of the conditions of existence that belonged to the men of the caverns. But it was in vain that he hoped to return to the life of the first ages of prehistoric humanity. He was obliged to pay tribute to the exigencies of civilization and to manifest less repugnance for all contact with his fellow beings.

One day he found an empty barrel that the tempest had tossed upon the shore, and he could not resist the temptation of bringing it home to serve as a bed. Some indiscreet persons, taking advantage of his absence to visit his apartments, discovered that he had a pot for cooking his food. Where did that cooking utensil come from? Was it also a piece of wreckage rolled up upon the sand by the furious waves, or was it the last souvenir of civilized life carried away by the anchorite who, while endeavoring to return to the conditions of existence that belonged to prehistoric times, could not abandon the habit of cooking his food?

That is a question which has never been answered, and it is also impossible to find out where he gets the potatoes upon which he lives. Did they come from the discreet charity of the poor fishermen of the neighborhood, who at the proper time renewed his provisions, or in separating himself from the world did he make arrangements for the transportation of his modest provisions? That is also a mystery which has never been fathomed. One point, however, is certain, and that is that the hermit determined to live upon potatoes alone. One day a sailor offered him half of his dinner. The hermit pretended to be glad to accept the gift, but he never touched the food. In the absence of the kind hearted sailor he tossed it into the sea. Apparently he also vowed that he would never enter a house and never touch a piece of money. He kept his resolutions. Nothing could ever induce him to cross the threshold of any one of the little houses of the fishermen, who began to have a sort of affection for him, and never once was he known to beg. The only liberality that he would accept and that he solicited from the munificence of strangers was a match to light the firewood gathered for cooking his potatoes.

The Rev. J. H. Bennett endeavored to lift the veil that hid the origin and antecedents of this mysterious personage. The most of the caverns of Antrim endeavors in vain to live the life of a savage. It has been recognized by more than one sign that he has received a good education. From time to time he reads to the fishermen some passages from the Bible, but he never comments upon them. There is no evidence going to prove that the man has any particular form of insanity beyond, perhaps, the harmless one of the love of solitude. He is always clean and neat in appearance and seems to be sound and vigorous in body. He speaks with no accent, so that it is impossible to fix the locality from which he came. He seldom smiles, but he doesn't look sad. On the contrary, he has a resigned and perfectly satisfied look. Who he is and why in the world he lives such an extraordinary life nobody can tell.—London Figaro.

Smiling Sentiment.

"You must feel very happy in this lovely cottage you call your own."

"[illegible] I when I think of my family [illegible] estate of thousands of acres, with a castle and a whole regiment of [illegible]."

"Why, when did they lose it?"

"[illegible] the eleventh century."—[illegible]

[illegible], England, boasts one of the [illegible] in the world. [illegible]

THE OLD FLYBOOK.

It Is Dearer to the Angler Than Any Other Possession.

Is there anything closer to an angler's heart than his flybook? I know of a case where a burglar among other things took a flybook. He was arrested and speedily convicted and imprisoned. He cleared things out pretty well in the house, but the owner seemed to care for nothing about the [illegible] but costly sealskin sacks, silverware and other valuable laces and pictures, but he did bewail the loss of his book of flies. The other things he could buy again, but to get together such an assortment of valuable flies seemed to him almost an impossible thing. He had been years collecting them, picking up odd ones here and there, until for quality and variety his book could not be excelled.

It was a fly storehouse, as it were. No matter where he intended fishing or whether for trout, bass or salmon, he could always find a choice assortment to draw from with which to fill up a supplementary book.

Although it was some time ago he yet bewails the loss of that flybook. Many have been the efforts to get track of it, but all in vain. He has gone to the expense of sending to the prison in a distant city and endeavoring to prevail upon the convict to divulge the hiding place of the book, but without success. A persistent search of the pawnshops and periodical advertising have produced no better results.

There were flies in that book for trout and salmon in Irish waters, flies for the salmon and trout of the Scotch lakes and the English streams and flies for the salmon of Norway. The favorites from Maine to California and from one end of Canada to another were collected in that wallet—anything and everything from the feather down midget with cobweb gut to the lordly salmon fly absolutely irresistible to the lurking salmon deep down in the icy pools of the Cascapedia.

There were flies in that book on which famous bass trout and salmon had been hooked, each fly carrying with it memories of battles fought from canoes among the rushing swirling waters.—Forest and Stream.

WENT OUT AND HOLLERED

How a Witness In a Pension Case Announced Her Husband's Death.

It was the trial of a member of one of Norfolk's foremost families. The defendant was a woman, and was charged with forgery and complicity in pension fraud. As the proceedings drew to a close all the city crowded into the courtroom. Residents from Ghent and loafers from the wharfs sat together on one bench, and the bailiff, not to lose a good a chance, manifested his authority by calling out "order" and himself making more noise than all the people in the court.

The last witness was a negress, portly and very black. Her voice was singularly mellow and sweet. The government was questioning her about the death of her husband, and her testimony was directly against the defendant. The courtroom was consequently very quiet and still.

"You say your husband died in Norfolk?" snarled the district attorney.

"Yessah."

"You were with him?"

"Yessah. Right dere with him when he died."

"Tell us about it."

"I member sah he got up through the night. He said he was too warm lying down dere with me and de little child. I's too warm, he said. 'I'll go to de winduh' and he down dere. He generally got up nights anyhow when he was too warm.

"I don't know how long he had been lyin by de winduh fore I heard a rustle. I generally keeps a lamp burnin nights. I heard him say 'Ole oman!' I started up and he says 'Ole oman, get up.' And I jumped up an says, 'Ole man.' He says, 'What?'

"I jumped up and went to him at de winduh and he was like he was strugglin. I says, 'Honey, what's de matter?' and de last word he said, 'I don't know.' I said, 'Lord have mercy, what's de matter wid you.' And after I said dat he didn't say no mo. Gen men, he died right off. I said, 'Lord Jesus, my husband gone. What am I gwine to do?' No one was with me but dat child. I went out and hollered. Some said 1 o'clock at night dey heard me holler. I went out and hollered for some one to come to my husband was dead."—Washington Post.

Windsor Castle Treasures.

Those marvelous treasuries the gold and silver pantries which lie close together in the northeast corner of Windsor castle at the foot of the Prince of Wales tower were until recent years very frequently visited by the queen, who, with her housewifely love of detail, never considered it beneath her dignity to make intimate acquaintance with the vast quantity of articles in the precious metals which have either been personal gifts to herself or form a hereditary appanage to her state. Even lately her majesty has visited her pantries in her wheel chair, and the present arrangement of the multitude of objects therein has been made entirely with her personal approval. Apart from the interest which necessarily attaches to articles which are in daily and intimate use by the queen, the plate at Windsor castle is acknowledged the finest collection in the world and is more than worthy of consideration.

The two so called pantries—which in reality are strong rooms of the most approved and well arranged kind—are separated from one another by the plate cleaning rooms, which are furnished with all kinds of known appliances for the adequate polishing and burnishing of every kind of rare and delicate goldsmith's work. All the royal plate is carried to these rooms in rotation and cleaned, whether in use or not, and the system employed for giving it out and receiving it back forms ample and responsible work for the yeomen of the pantries and their assistants, many of whom are veritable giants among men, as the weights that have to be moved are very often enormous.—Collier's Weekly.

A Train of Blackguards.

In many of the great cities of Europe whenever a great festival is about to take place all the questionable and suspicious characters are "urged" by the police to take a few days' airing in the country and to disappear for a time from their accustomed haunts. This is found preferable to putting them under lock and key.

In Petersburg and Moscow and in Vienna those who do not leave of their own accord on being thus pressed are shipped off by the police in a special train, and Japan has recently adopted the same excellent custom.

Now whenever a popular pageant is about to take place the Soshi no-Kisha, or "train of blackguards," may be seen steaming away into the country with its freight of known and suspected malefactors.

The oddest shaped county among the 3,000 which go to make up the separate divisions of the various states is Warren county, Tenn. It lies in the center of the state and is as near a perfect circle as any division of land could be.

English Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavins, curbs, splints, sweeney, ring-bone stifles, sprains, all swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful blemish cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

You can't afford to risk your life by allowing a cold to develop into pneumonia or consumption. Instant relief and a certain cure are afforded by One Minute Cough Cure. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

THE OUTDOOR CHURCH.

The spreading pillars of the trees,
The flowered mosaic of the grass,
The green, transparent traceries
Of leaf on leaf that lightly lace
And lightly move when breezes pass.

The anthem of the waterfall,
My chorister the blackbird's lay,
And, mingling with suffusing all,
Borne by the wind and still as full,
The incense of the new mown hay.

This is my church, my altar there,
Here earth, the kindly mother, kneels,
Her mighty hands outspread in prayer,
While o'er her brow the sunny air,
A south wind full of blessing, steals.

She wraps me in her mantle fold.
I kneel and pray beside her there
As children do whom mothers hold,
And living air and sunlight gold
And wood and meadow pray with me.

—Eva Keane in Spectator.

BUTTERWORTH'S THEORY.

His Lenient Way of Treating For Reformation Embryo Criminals.

Commissioner of Patents Butterworth is one of the men who believe that a prosecuting attorney is better engaged in side tracking embryo criminals on the road to perdition and getting them on the road to righteousness than in corralling them for shipment to the penitentiary where they are thrown into association with professional crooks. Several years ago Major Butterworth was prosecuting attorney in southern Ohio and he had the opportunity to test his theory regarding the discrimination that should be used in dealing with men newly launched into crime. A young farmer was arrested for passing counterfeit shinplasters, as the 50 cent note was known, and the case was put in the hands of Major Butterworth. The young man told his story. He had saved several hundred dollars, had left his wife and little children and had taken a boat down the Mississippi river purposing to settle on a new farm he was to buy with his hard earned savings. On the boat he met an extremely pleasant and well dressed stranger, who learned of his mission and proceeded to make himself agreeable. In a moment of extreme confidence the stranger told the young man of a large quantity of money he had which was made from plates that had formerly belonged to the government and which the government had long since sought to recover, etc. The young man was struck by that remarkable method of acquiring wealth when he had toiled and saved for years to get his few hundred. In a burst of generosity the stranger offered to exchange some of his money for greenbacks belonging to his new found friend, so that the latter should have two dollars for every one he possessed. The bait was tempting and the fish bit. At the next landing the well dressed man disappeared from the boat and the dupe became alarmed. He became suspicious of his new money and was afraid to offer it in payment of his passage. He, too, left the boat, determined to go back home. He started to walk and became footsore. He began showing the money to buy something to eat, the counterfeit was discovered and the arrest was made. Major Butterworth took in the situation.

"I told that young man," he said, in relating the story, "that if God had made him a dishonest man he had failed to put a sign on his face. I told him to go home to his wife and children as an honest man. He could scarcely realize that he had escaped the penitentiary. He went home, and a more honest or better citizen I do not know today. That man had not the heart of a criminal, but if he had been sent to the penitentiary his children would have been disgraced for life and probably he would have belonged to the criminal class for life."—St Louis Republic.

OFFERED HIM TWO WIVES.

King Cetewayo Appreciated the Tenor's Singing of "Old Dog Tray."

"There is much in a name, or at least I think so," said Albert Gerard Thiers, the tenor, who once sang for old Cetewayo, king of the Zulus. Mr Gerard-Thiers several years ago bore the Teutonic cognomen of Theiss and had it changed to Thiers. His fame spread, and his middle name was wedded to his surname with a hyphen.

"I am more French than German," he continued, "and my vocal method is not at all German. Many people imagine that a German vocalist is a master of the guttural, and that is one reason why I had my name changed. I have no prejudice against the German method, only I prefer the French method of singing. People who were introduced to me used to ask if I was German. As I speak French and not German, I concluded to change my name to Thiers. My wife is an American, but she has lived so long in Paris that she speaks French like a native and has nothing German in her appearance or manners."

"Did you sing in French to King Cetewayo?"

"No, I sang in English. The old Zulu was in captivity when I saw him in Africa. I was singing in Cape Colony in my boyhood days with an English opera company, and after it stranded I visited the dethroned African monarch. The English kept him guarded at a farmhouse, but allowed him privileges. I sang several operatic airs for him, but they did not please him, and in despair I tried 'Old Dog Tray.' He liked it, and when told the story he said a dog was faithful and wished me to sing it again. Then he embarrassed me exceedingly by presenting me with two of his wives. Each was more than six feet in height and black as the ace of spades. I declined his royal offer, although he declared the wives would not be missed."—New York Commercial.

DINING AND FEEDING.

American Table Manners Not So Open to Criticism as Formerly.

It has been conceded that the degree of civilization a people has reached may be accurately measured by its dietary. Now some one has said that "the American feeds, the Englishman devours, the Frenchman dines." In view of this statement one wonders what the English have been doing through the centuries to have advanced so little. We do not pretend to answer for them, but would say for ourselves, we have been hewing our way through forests, pioneering in every direction, in every sense—ample apology for feeding instead of dining.

But, of course, it was a Frenchman who made the declaration, and, of course, he made it long ago when, mortifying though it be, honesty compels us to acknowledge that we may have been guilty. Times, however, and conditions have changed, and not even the most bigoted Frenchman will refuse to admit that when the American has reached the dining point he will have more to dine upon than any other man in the world. The culture of man in America will demand all the art in his cuisine that France by study has evolved, with the added merit of honesty in his food, the disguises incident to poverty of material not being a necessity. There is no department of supply in which we have not the advantage, and we are learning to use our materials as rapidly as we have been obliged to learn all other things.—Ella Morris Kretschmar in Woman's Home Companion.

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THEY FIGHT IT OUT

HOW ENGLISH ARMY OFFICERS SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES

The Pistol and the Fist—How One Regiment Was Opened to Others Than Offshoots of the Peerage—How "Molly" Crushed the Cheeky Youngster.

In view of the disgraceful duel between the Duke of Orleans and the Count of Turin we publish the following article which shows the manner in which British officers settle disputes.

Officers have their disagreements of course, like other men, and they have to be settled. Dueling is forbidden by law as well as by modern ideas and common sense. Complaints respecting infractions of mess etiquette or of ungentlemanly or unsoldierly conduct may be submitted to the mess committee, the punitive powers of which are extremely far reaching. The life of an officer "sent to Coventry" by his fellows is unendurable, and his only chance is to exchange.

But all this is moral suasion only, and in the end disputes are frequently settled by a resort to first principles—the rule of fist—while redress is sometimes obtained in ways as drastic as they are novel.

A gentleman joined a crack cavalry regiment. He had no pedigree or family to recommend him. In fact, his father was a retired brewer, and by the scions of nobility among his comrades he was rather coldly received.

"Are you the son of Dash, the brewer?" inquired one of these.

"I am."

"Then why didn't your father bring you up to his trade?"

"Oh, well, you're the son of Lord Blank, aren't you?"

"Yes."

"Then why didn't he bring you up a gentleman?"

The upshot of this was a rough and tumble wherein was demonstrated that in the army a plebeian is the equal of a peer—if he can box as well.

Another gentleman from the ranks of trade came home one day to find all the crockery and breakable articles in his rooms smashed, the same being intended by the wreckers as a delicate hint that his presence among them was objectionable.

He was late for dinner that evening and apologized to the president of the mess for it, explaining what had happened—that he had been to the rooms of the three he suspected and returned the compliment; if he had wronged any, he would apologize and restore the articles; if he had hit on the right ones, they could have satisfaction in the riding school after dinner.

Accordingly after dinner, two of them received satisfaction in full, a la Corbett, in drill time, but the third proved a tougher nut to crack, and the big hearted plebeian (who by the bye is now a general) weakened by his exertions was getting worsted, so another of the same social status who was an expert boxer took up the running.

He soon finished off the third man and obligingly offered to take on any one who sympathized with the trio. By this means—appropriate to their profession—these two officers opened the door in that regiment to others than offshoots of the peerage, by whom it had previously been regarded as a preserve.

Among officers exchanging from one regiment to another is cornet [illegible]. One little man [illegible] lieutenant incurred the enmity of the [illegible] of his troop [illegible] continually [illegible] and [illegible] by contrasting them unfavorably with his late corps till they hated the very name of the "Pinks," as we'll call them.

Not only the rank and file, but the noncommissioned officers came in for his animadversion till it got unbearable, and at last the troop sergeant major told the captain quietly that there would be a mutiny in the troop before long if it continued.

It so happened that he had also carried his insulting comparisons into the mess, and as he wouldn't take advice and "drop it," his brother officers took the matter into their own hands, with the result that one cold night in February there was a hubbub within the officers' quarters, a window was presently opened and little "Joey," clad only in his nightshirt, was handed out, seized, placed and held down in a handbarrow, wheeled off to the manure heap and there shot out, to make his way back to bed as best he could. He soon after left the regiment.

The antipodes of this gentleman was an officer in the same regiment, an Irishman, 6 feet 2 and big in proportion, but his "go" was not proportionate to his size. He was too big and apathetic for a cavalry captain. In fact, his nickname, "Molly," well describes him. One "cheeky" youngster appeared to think he could take any liberties with such an easy going mountain of flesh and in the billiard room one night he carried his impudence beyond all reason.

"Molly" said nothing. He simply dropped his cue, picked the offender up and sat him violently down on a side table, ignorant or heedless of the fact that upon it were standing glasses and decanters.

It was some time before the surgeons picked the last piece of glass out of the impertinent one and weeks before he could appear in the saddle again. It is scarcely necessary to say that he gave "Molly" Maguire a wide berth after that.—Pearson's Weekly.

Brimming With Charity.

Cipollina, a gem of a husband, never allows an opportunity to slip without extolling to the skies the excellent qualities of his better half. "My wife," he was heard to remark the other day, "is so kind, so indulgent toward everybody that even when speaking ill of other people, she does not believe a word of it herself."—Settimana.

"Away With Melancholy."

"And I'd all care avaunt," sounds very well in verse, but if you have a case of the "blues" caused by indigestion with biliousness added on as an extra horror you cannot say hey! presto! and thus insure the departure of those abominable twins. The "proper caper" when thus troubled, is to seek the aid of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Thereafter you will speedily digest with ease and eat with appetite, and your liver will reassert its right to regularity. Not only this, you can retire without a horrible dread lest the Washington monument will—in dreams—impose itself upon the pit of your stomach. If you feel premonitory symptoms of chills and fever, kidney trouble or rheumatism, summon the Bitters to the rescue without delay. [illegible] A feeble condition of the system is more speedily changed to vigorous one by this fine tonic than by any other medicinal agent in existence. A wineglassful three times a day.

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What Wrestlers Should Eat.

The Japanese wrestlers are a race of giants; they often weigh from 14 to 25 stone. At the Imperial hotel in Tokyo once they brought their champion wrestler to my room. He was prodigious in size and as fat and fair as a baby. He was a Hercules in strength, but looked like an overgrown cherub of Correggio.

"What do you eat?" I asked.

"Rice, nothing but rice."

"Why not eat meat?"

"Meat is weakening. Beef is 70 per cent water. Rice is 80 per cent food. I ate lean beefsteak once and my strength left me. The other man ate rice and threw me down."

My courier said: "This wrestler is the champion of Japan. No one can throw him."—Pearson's Weekly.

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Fiancee—Oh, how poetic! And how long it must have taken to gather them!

Valet—Indeed, miss, it took me nearly three hours.—Fliegende Blatter.

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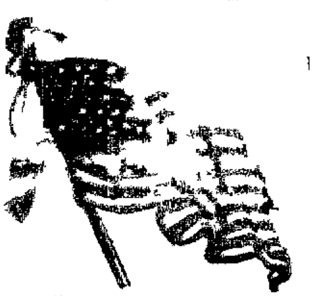

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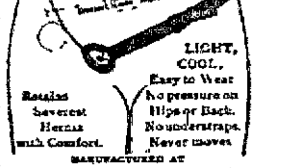

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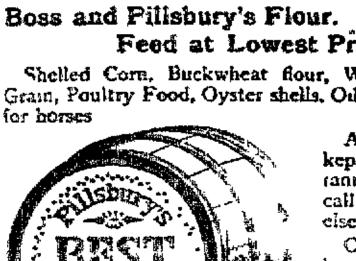

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5 [illegible] p m.—Train [illegible] weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH

Train [illegible] leaves New York [illegible] Philadelphia [illegible] Washington [illegible] Baltimore [illegible] arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] with [illegible] Pullman [illegible] from Philadelphia to Williamsport.

Train [illegible] leaves New York [illegible] Philadelphia [illegible] Washington [illegible] Baltimore [illegible] arriving at Emporium [illegible] with Pullman sleeping car from Philadelphia [illegible] Williamsport and passenger coaches [illegible] Baltimore [illegible]

Train [illegible] leaves Philadelphia [illegible] Washington [illegible] Baltimore [illegible] Wilkesbarre [illegible] weekdays arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] with Pullman [illegible] from Philadelphia [illegible] Williamsport [illegible] passenger coaches to Kane.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD

Weekdays

NORTH A M	STATIONS	SOUTH A M
[illegible]	Ridgway	[illegible]
[illegible]	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
[illegible]	Bendigo	[illegible]
[illegible]	Glen Hazel	[illegible]
[illegible]	Straight	[illegible]
[illegible]	Instanter	[illegible]
[illegible]	Smith's Run	[illegible]
[illegible]	Wendvale	[illegible]
[illegible]	Clermont	[illegible]
A M		A M

Connections are made with trains [illegible] at Johnsonburg at 11.50 a m for Erie and intermediate points arriving at Erie at [illegible] and at Ridgway with train [illegible] leaving Ridgway at 12 10 p m for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager. J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Agt.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after June [illegible] 1897 passenger trains Between Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND

6.00 a m—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Orlean, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

12.30 p m—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

5.45 p m—Buffalo Express—Daily [illegible] Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND

7.46 a m—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

1.41 p m—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets good for passage between all stations, at two cents per mile.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars. An excess charge of TEN CENTS will be collected by Conductors when fares are paid on trains from all stations where a Ticket Office is maintained.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents, or

L. B. McINTYRE, Agent Bradford, Pa.
EDWARD C. LAPEY, Gen'l Passenger Agent, Rochester, N. Y.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.

TIME TABLE

Took effect Monday June 15th, 1896.

1	3	5	STATIONS.	2	4	6
a m	p m	p m	Ar Dp	a m	p m	p m
8.55	4 20	7.30	Keating	7 10	[illegible]	7.00
8.35	2 02	7 10	Cowley Pine	7 25	3 52	8 03
8.25	1 50	7.00	Austin	7 40	3 40	8 35
	1.37	6 50	Costello	7 48	3 55	
	1.26	6 48	Wharton	10 [illegible]	4 [illegible]	
	1 17	6 35	Logue	[illegible]	3 [illegible]	
	1 [illegible]	6 27	Hull	[illegible]	4 [illegible]	
	12 45	6 08	Cross Fork Jc	11 [illegible]	4 [illegible]	
	12 07	5.31	Germania	11 17	4 [illegible]	
	12 00	5 25	Galeton	11 30	4 [illegible]	
	10 45	4 [illegible]	Gaines	2 26		
	10 10	4.30	Ansonia	3 45	6 [illegible]	
	a m	p m	Dp Ar	p m	p m	
a m	a m	p m	Cross Fork Br	a m	p m	p m
[illegible]	12 45	4 [illegible]	Ar Cr Fk Jc Dp	11 [illegible]	1 00	6 10
8 0	11.30	3 00	Lv Cross Fk Br Ar	11 10	[illegible]	7 10

H. Hutchinson, Train Master. C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday Nov 4 1895

AR. EASTWARD			STATIONS	LV WESTWARD		
A M	A M	P M		A M		
8.40	7 30	2 10	Ulysses	7 40	[illegible]	[illegible]
8 33	7 21	2 00	Crowell's	7 51	2.40	[illegible]
8 30		1 53	Carpenter's		[illegible]	[illegible]
8 25	7 16	1.53	Perkins	7 34	2.4	[illegible]
8.20	7 13	1 50	B & S Junction	7 57	[illegible]	[illegible]
	7 10	1 45	Newfield	8 00	[illegible]	[illegible]
8.04	7 03	1 42	Gold	8 01	7.5	[illegible]
7 55	7 01	1.36	Raymond's	8.07		[illegible]
7 15	6 50	1 24	Seven Bridge's	8 16	[illegible]	[illegible]
7 10	6.46	1 20	Colesburg	8 21	[illegible]	[illegible]
7.00	6 40	1 16	Frink's	8.29	[illegible]	[illegible]
	6.30	1 00		8 43	[illegible]	[illegible]
4. 5	7.07	12.55	Coudersport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.49		12.51	Hammond			[illegible]
3.30	7 53	12.46	Olmsted	8.51	6.01	[illegible]
3.31	7 46	12.41	Mina	8.55	6 10	[illegible]
3.15		12 34	Knowlton		6 [illegible]	
3.1	7.36	12.29	Roulette	9.06	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.12	7.31	12.22	Burtville	9 11	6 [illegible]	[illegible]
3.05		12 17	Coleman		6 [illegible]	
3.15	7 20	12 12	Port Allegany	9 4	6 [illegible]	
P M	P M	P M	Dept	Arrive A M	A M	P M

Trains run on eastern standard time.

B. A. McCLURE, Supt.

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry.

Time Table taking Effect May 3rd 189[illegible]

LEAVE SMETHPORT

8:20 A. M.—Mail and Express daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane, connecting with [illegible] for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10 03 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

[illegible] P. M.—Mail and Express daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train [illegible] for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Williamsport, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia, and at Bradford with Erie R. R. trains for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport daily except Sunday at [illegible] a m and [illegible] p m.

JNO. C. McKENNA, Gen Pas Agent, Bradford, Pa.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 7 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 17 1896.

South		Stations	North	
1 15		Clermont	1.30	
1 40		Clermont Bank	11 [illegible]	
1 46		Wildwood	11 [illegible]	
1.55		North Fork	11 [illegible]	
2.10		Hay Fork	11 [illegible]	
2.19		Gray Gables	11 [illegible]	
2.30	Ar		11 16	
2.35	7 30 Lv	St. Marys	Lv Ar 10 55	6 15
2.38	7 41	Kaul	10.50	6 [illegible]
2 45	7.50	Dotsch	10 42	6 00
2.50	7 55	Grill	10 [illegible]	5 [illegible]
2 57	8.03	Gillen	10 [illegible]	5 [illegible]
3.02	8 07	Paine	10 [illegible]	5 [illegible]
3.06	8 11	Centreville	10 20	5 40
3.10	8 15	Daguscahonda	10 [illegible]	5 37
3 18	8 24	Shelvey Summit	10 07	5 28
3.20	8 [illegible]	Cuneo	9 58	5 20
3 27	8 [illegible]	Thompson	9 53	5 14
3 31	8 [illegible]	Curry	9 49	5 10
3 37	8 42	Brandy Camp	9 43	5 02
3 44	8 [illegible]	Ribon	9 34	4 55
4 [illegible]	8 [illegible]	Hyde	9 29	4 44
4 [illegible]	9 [illegible]	Shawmut	9 15	4 35
1 [illegible]	[illegible]		9 10	1 [illegible]

NOTICE.

To Commissioners and supervisors of McKean and adjoining counties: I am now prepared to furnish iron and steel bridges of any size or duplicate any bridge now in use, and will furnish entire structure. Will furnish plans and specifications on application.

A. MALLAY, Contractor, Smethport, Pa.